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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 6/4/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 92-920

Bureau File No.: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject alleged to be vacationing in Mexico during the month of April, 1964. He was observed Chicago Heights, Illinois, 5/15/64, driving his brother-in-law's automobile. Background obtained for subject's associate GUS RUBINO. Information re subject's attempt to prevent reform movement from taking over in Calumet City, Illinois, set forth. Other political influence exercised by the subject in south Chicago suburbs described. Subject's control of illegal activities reported and additional legitimate enterprises identified. Subject presently receiving medical assistance for ulcer.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor Police Department, Flossmoor, Illinois, advised that continuous spot checks of the subject's residence fails to indicate that the subject regularly resides with his wife at 1730 Cambridge Road. PAULING states that frequent contact with all of his officers indicate that they observed the subject's brother-in-law on numerous occasions, but have not observed the subject in the past several months.

Observation reflects that the subject's paramour [redacted] continues to reside [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. Inquiry indicates that the only other person listing residence [redacted] who has been an employee of the South Suburban Safeway Bus Lines, Harvey, Illinois, for the past 18 years. [redacted] is single and moved into the above address on April 29, 1964. His telephone is listed as 755-0805.

The Pittsburgh Office advised that one [redacted] applied for a position of typist-steno at the Pittsburgh Office. She listed [redacted] and brother-in-law [redacted] residing at [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, as references.

CG T-1 advised on May 8, 1964, that information in Chicago Heights reveals that the subject is presently vacationing in Mexico. Informant could furnish no dates or mode of travel or any reason for his being in Mexico other than temporary residence for vacation purposes. [redacted] Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Chicago, Illinois, advised that his office would maintain no records which would reveal the subject's location

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in Mexico. He stated it would only be necessary for him to show a drivers license as he crossed the border and could return by the same manner. A check of manifest flights from O'Hare Field, Chicago, to Mexico City for the month of April failed to indicate that the subject had been a passenger on any direct flights to that area.

On May 15, 1964, the subject was observed driving a 1964 black Buick belonging to JAMES ROSS, his brother-in-law. The subject was alone and was traveling in a section known as Serena Hills in Chicago Heights. He was observed traveling north on Serena Drive. He apparently identified the Bureau car and immediately accelerated to an extremely high rate of speed. By the time a U turn was made in an attempt to conduct a surveillance of the subject, the subject disappeared into one of the many side streets in the area.

STATUS OF HEALTH

CG T-2 advised that the subject obtained prescription drugs from the Schultz Drug Store, Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant advised that a review of available records indicates that approximately every 3 months he obtains a large quantity of a drug known as "Potothilionate". Informant described this drug as a relief for severe ulcer conditions as well as hypertension and general nervousness. The doctor is listed as [redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

RELATIVES

[redacted] Stockton, California, advised on May 1, 1964, that for two summers approximately 3 or 4 years ago he dated [redacted] from Chicago. He described her as the daughter of one of the subject's sisters. [redacted] was visiting another sister

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[redacted] of Linden, California. She advised that she married an individual whose first name was [redacted] from the Chicago area and that they are presently living in that area. At the time he dated her, her father was supposedly in the jukebox business. He advised that he met the subject on one occasion. He was properly introduced to the subject who did not acknowledge the introduction.

According to [redacted] the subject has an interest in the Ehrhart Ranch at Esmeralda, California. He does not know of any hideout cabin used by the subject. From conversations he has heard around the [redacted] residence, the subject has an interest in a cabin located on the north side of Lake Tahoe. The other persons owning an interest in this cabin are [redacted]. He advised that from conversations regarding the cabin it is very exclusive and expensive and believes that it is near King Bay or Emerald Bay on Lake Tahoe.

CG T-3 advised on May 13, 1964, that a son of the subject's brother-in-law, FRANK FRANZE, was married on May 9, 1964. The wedding reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant stated that there were over 500 guests in attendance at the reception. He stated he has not yet been able to determine the name of the bride but understands that she comes from a legitimate family.

ASSOCIATES

MARGUERITE MC GINNIS
331 Warren Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised on April 3, 1964, that on March 30, 1964, a burglary of MC GINNIS's home was reported

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by [redacted] According to [redacted] has been in Arizona since Christmas. The burglary was discovered when her son observed the rear entrance to the house wide open. Investigation reveals that unknown subject using a flat type instrument pried open the rear storm door and then broke the jam lock on the rear entrance door. Once inside they ransacked all dresser drawers in two bedrooms and various closets. [redacted] indicated that Mrs. MC GINNIS could be located at Telephone TE 8-1931 in Phoenix, Arizona, by asking for [redacted]

Sergeant [redacted] Calumet City Police Department, advised that he was one of the investigating officers. He stated that he recalls seeing fishing equipment and mens clothing in one of the bedrooms. He advised that he would return to the property and make a more thorough search for indications that the subject was living at this residence. The same day he advised that when he returned to the house [redacted] was at the property and would not allow him to enter the house. She stated that Mrs. MC GINNIS was returning to Calumet City on the same day. It should be noted [redacted] is the paramour of GEORGE EMERY, true name AMERATTA. EMERY is a close associate of LA PORTE.

By communication dated May 8, 1964, the Phoenix Office advised that there are no telephone numbers in the State of Arizona with the prefix TE 8 and no record could be located for MARQUERITE MC GINNIS. Telephone BR 2-4609 is an unpublished number listed to THELMA MC GINNIS, 3435 West Cypress, Phoenix, Arizona. At the time of his marriage in 1959 Mr. MC GINNIS was employed by the Ortho Company. Following their divorce the number was changed to its present designation and her credit references indicate that she is unemployed and has income of rental of a duplex, alimony and property in Illinois.

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FRANK LUZI
154th and Broadway
Harvey, Illinois

On April 21, 1964, [] Bondsman for F. and L. Bonding Company, 154th and Broadway, Harvey, Illinois, advised that at present he is the only individual in the company who is authorized to write criminal surety bonds. He advised that both FRANK LUZI and [] have had their licenses taken away because of their outstanding indictment for bribery. He further advised that to his knowledge, FRANK LA PORTE has no association with the company at present. He has never met LA PORTE nor has he ever heard LUZI talking with him on the telephone. He knows that in the past LUZI acted as LA PORTE's driver and bodyguard but this association was discontinued because of LUZI's trouble with the law. To the best of his knowledge, LUZI invested \$2,000 in the bonding business and assumes that it is his money and not LA PORTE's. [] advised that he would be happy to continue the interview at a future time but requested that it be terminated because of an urgent business appointment.

CG T-3 advised on March 26, 1964, that LUZI's 1963 Buick had not been recovered as yet and that the insurance company had made a settlement with him for \$4,300 plus \$600 for personal effects which included a snub nose revolver. LUZI immediately purchased a 1964 Buick paying \$3,000 down and financing the rest of the balance through an unknown bank. According to the informant LUZI continues to work as a licensed delivery service and is also involved with some bondsman named [] in Chicago.

Sergeant [] Harvey, Illinois, Police Department, advised that FRANK LUZI has been into the police station on several occasions requesting information regarding the serial number of his revolver. He stated that the revolver was under the front seat of his Buick when it was

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stolen. [] stated that LUZI's partner, former Harvey bondsman [] stated that LUZI has not paid him for any of the bonds he has written and that [] has discontinued writing bonds for LUZI's benefit. [] indicated that LUZI appears very discontented with his business arrangement with []

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JOSEPH GUZZINO
1065 Wentworth
Calumet City, Illinois

On April 10, 1964, GUZZINO advised that he was the owner of the 5:00 Club in Calumet City. He stated that his business is very poor since he has been forced to get rid of his "B Girls". His main occupation at present is that of a professional gambler but that it is presently extremely difficult to find a "good game" because of the heat created by the Federal and local governments. He admitted that he sometimes travels to Italy in order to visit relatives and that he has emphatically denied that he has ever contacted anyone connected with the Mafia or any criminal organization. He admitted a friendly relationship with FRANK LA PORTE and stated that to his knowledge he is a legitimate businessman who operates a music store in Chicago Heights. He admitted that he had heard rumors that LA PORTE was part of the organized crime element but that in his opinion it is only newspaper talk and that there is no such thing as a syndicate. He advised that he does not associate with anyone he knows to be dishonest and denied that he had ever had allowed prostitution to operate in his club and that under no circumstances which he purchase stolen property. He concluded the interview by stating that he would continue to deny all illegal acts but that he would be available if a warrant was ever issued for his arrest, at which time if the Government could prove it he would have to go to jail unless his "friends" could obtain justice for him.

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It should be noted that numerous sources in the past have advised that GUZZINO visited with known Mafia leaders in Italy and that he presently operates several gambling games for LA PORTE and that he previously used the 5:00 Club to sell stolen property.

GUS RUBINO
Homewood, Illinois

CG T-4 advised on April 28, 1964, that GUS RUBINO works for JIMMY "THE BOMBER" CATURARA of Oak Lawn, Illinois. According to informant an example of this work is that when a "hon-outfit" gambling or prostitution house opens, RUBINO will come in and "take it over" for CATURARA. Informant indicated that RUBINO is indebted to CATURARA for at least \$5,000 which was money advanced in order that RUBINO could write bail bonds in Indiana. This money was believed to have been deposited with the Resolute Insurance Company in GUS's brother's name, VINCENT RUBINO.

Informant advised that from conversations he received the impression that there is "bad blood" between LA PORTE and CATURARA. It is his opinion that this is caused by the fact that LA PORTE's nephew and CATURARA's nephew are competitors in the surety bond business and further that RUBINO has taken over a couple of gambling and vice locations in LA PORTE's territory. Informant stated that he is of the definite opinion that JIMMY CATURARA would rather make \$100,000 illegally than to earn \$1,000 legally. The paradox is that he badly wants his son, CARL CATURARA, to be engaged in legal activities only and have no association with any illegal acts. Informant advised that RUBINO has opened a collection agency at 14515 South Western Avenue in Posen, Illinois, it is to be operated by three muscle men and informant assumes it will be a front for a "juice" operation.

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Sergeant [redacted] Homewood, Illinois, Police Department, advised that VINCE and GUS RUBINO are out of the bonding business and are now involved in the exclusive rental rights for the Ravisloe Apartments at 2400 West 183rd Street, Homewood. He described these as luxury type apartments presently under construction. The RUBINOs can be contacted at Chicago telephone FR 2-3133. He has no information as to who the actual money behind this building is but feels sure that it is a syndicate operation. In addition, he recently heard from what he considers a reliable source that VINCENT RUBINO is a homosexual.

On May 25, 1964, [redacted] Major Investigations Unit, Cook County Sheriff's Office, advised that he presently has a state warrant outstanding for GUS RUBINO in that he is charged with fraudulent checks. He advised that an attempt to arrest RUBINO at his Posen Office was unsuccessful but that he expects to locate him within a few days. [redacted] advised that subject's father owns and operates RUBINO's Mens Wear at 13018 South Western Avenue, Blue Island, and is considered to be a legitimate businessman.

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Calumet City, Illinois

Chief LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that SAM MUNDO who formerly operated "strip joints" for LA PORTE is alleged to have offered \$90,000 plus 6% of the net profit for ownership of the King Arthur Restaurant in Midlothian, Illinois. On April 24, 1964, records of the Cook County Court House reflected that [redacted] [redacted] Calumet City, Illinois, filed a bankruptcy petition number 64B3983. He declared \$90,000 in liabilities and no assets. His attorney is listed as [redacted] The matter was handled in the Court of Judge AUSTIN in Federal District Court. The referee's name was (FNU) [redacted]

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RICHARD GUZZINO
235 West 16th Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chief ROBERT OVERSTOLZ, South Chicago Heights, Illinois. Police Department, advised that GUZZINO, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are running a bookie operation for FRANK LA PORTE. The operation is handled by two citizens band radios which are located in the cars of the above individuals. A base station is located at RICHARD GUZZINO's home on 16th Street. The main collection point appeared to be operated from the Southtown TV Store at 2900 Chicago Road. This store is owned by [REDACTED] who formerly operated the Park Forest TV Center. Repeated spot checks of the area indicate that the above individuals congregate at the TV store at approximately 4:30 each weekday afternoon. On March 10, 1964, a review of the records of the Federal Communications Commission, Chicago, Illinois, disclosed that on December 27, 1964, RICHARD GUZZINO made application for a license to operate up to six transmitters on a citizens band frequency. There are approximately 20 channels available to him and they run from 26.965 to 27.225. This is considered a Class D license and GUZZINO's call letters are KBH 1815.

FRANCIS CURRY
624 Western Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

CG T-5 advised on March 12, 1964, that he is not too well acquainted with the outfit group which is operated and controlled by FRANK LA PORTE. He advised, however, that several years ago a book shop operator named LEE KELLEY was having trouble with LA PORTE and was murdered on orders from LA PORTE. He stated following this FRANCIS CURRY took over control of KELLEY's operation in the Joliet area and that CURRY also has an interest in [REDACTED] and a company, name not recalled, which is the Civilians Coin Operated Machine Distributor in Willowbrook, Kentucky.

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Informant stated that although CURRY is considered a Lieutenant of FRANK LA PORTE, CURRY actually gained control because of his close association with Chicago hoodlum PAUL RICCA. CURRY and RICCA formerly owned adjoining farms south of Joliet, Illinois. Informant advised that among the hoodlums FRANK LA PORTE has the reputation of being a vicious killer and is supposed to have killed his first man when he was only 16 years of age.

Sergeant [] Chicago Heights, Illinois, Police Department, advised on March 27, 1964, that FRANK FRANZE reported that a 1963 Buick belonging to Cooperative Music Company and driven by FRANCIS CURRY was involved in a hit and run accident at 1:00 AM on March 21, 1964. FRANZE noted that this car had been parked on railroad property on East Hickory Street when the side of the car was scraped by an unknown automobile. He reported the damage at \$120 but offered no explanation as to why he waited so long to report the accident.

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LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

[] Secretary, City Beverage Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that his father "BUTTSY" PERRY (Deceased) was formerly a big political power in Chicago Heights and was a close friend of FRANK LA PORTE's and JIMMY EMERY. [] denied that he had any knowledge of LA PORTE, except that rumor has it that he controlled organized crime in the area and as a result all the Italian people are deathly afraid of him. He advised that the subject's brother-in-law, TONY FRANZE, following his conviction for gambling became the General Sales Manager for the Cementi Beverage Company in Chicago Heights. This is the first knowledge of a legitimate job FRANZE ever had. He has since "retired" because it turned out to be "work". PERRY stated that he understood that FRANZE did a

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good job as a salesman in that he used no "muscle" to influence the purchase of his products.

By communication dated April 15, 1964, the Los Angeles Office indicated that the ABC Vending Corporation was attempting to have their service placed in the Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Park. Inquiry reflects that several of BABE TUFFANELLI's former slot machine repairmen are presently employed by the ABC Vending Company. Numerous inquiries in the Blue Island, Illinois, area failed to disclose any information as to how these individuals obtained employment at that company.

THEODORE CASTAR, Scott Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that he is the President of the Beauty Salon Owners Guild, Unit 45. This unit covers the entire metropolitan Chicago area. He stated that the purpose of the guild is to obtain membership of owners of beauty salons in order to legislate - lobby for regulations in local, state and federal government. At present there are 72 members but they expect to get in excess of 5,000 members and eventually 200,000 throughout the United States.

CASTAR advised that based on his experience of 20 years as a hair dresser he is of the opinion that organized hoodlums have, for some unknown reason, become extremely interested in beauty salons throughout Southern Cook County. To his knowledge relatives of FRANK LA PORTE are operating at least seven beauty salons in the area. Recently CHARLES PARISI, Owner, House of Coiffures, 1901 East 31st, La Grange Park, Illinois, offered \$40,000 to the guild in order to conduct a proper membership drive. According to PARISI the operation would be completely legal but he refused to identify the persons who would put up the \$40,000. CASTAR advised that it is his considered opinion that this is hoodlum money although he has no specific information to back this statement up. CASTAR subsequently advised that [redacted] a nephew of FRANK LA PORTE, had just opened

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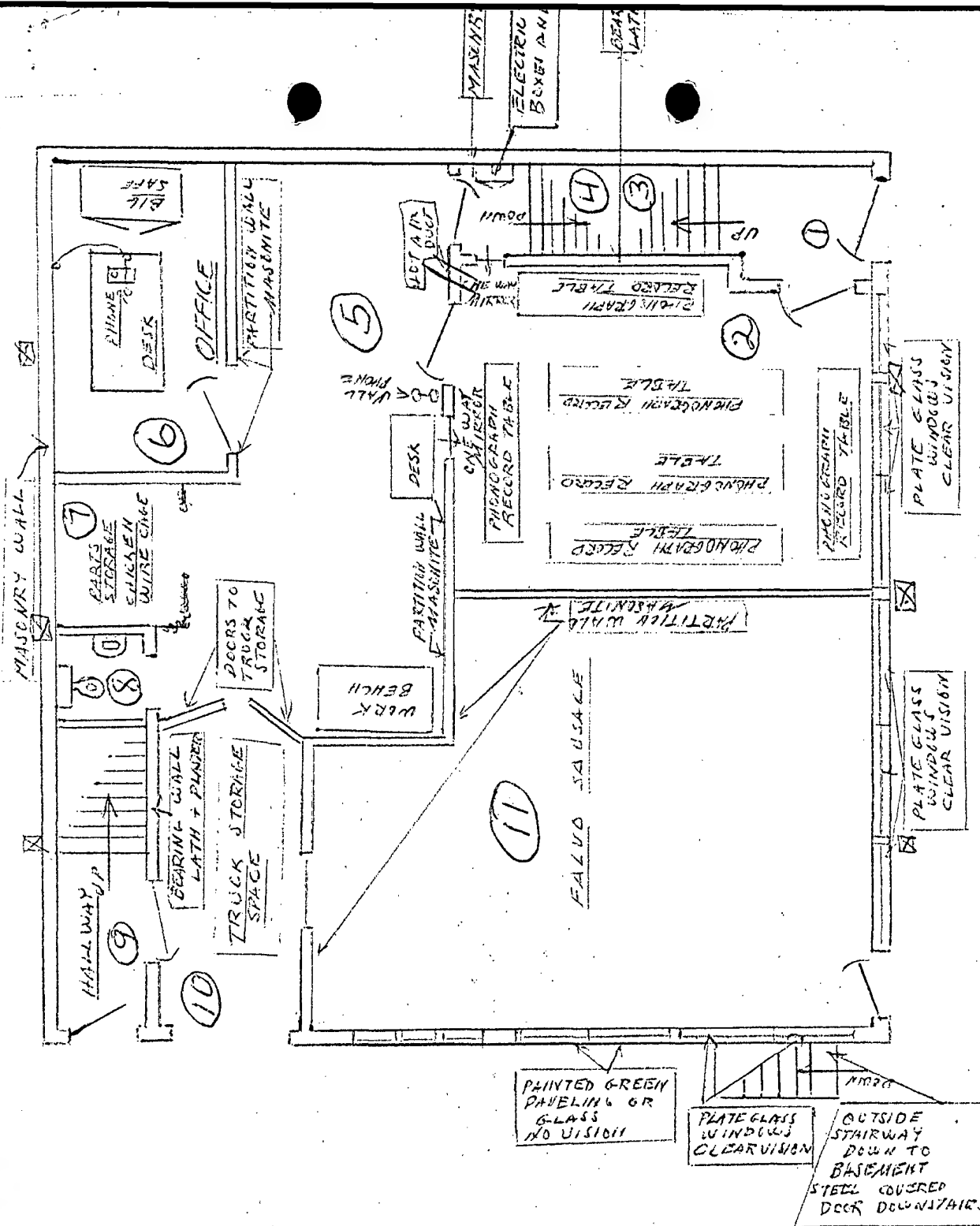
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a new salon known as Park Lane. He additionally advised that FNU [] who is reportedly the Village Clerk of Melrose Park, Illinois, is the individual who has obtained an Attorney that will furnish \$40,000 to finance the membership operation. A [] of Melrose Park also has some connection with the fund. He advised that as a result of the action by PARISI and other disquieting actions he has decided to withdraw from the organization as he is convinced that the hoodlums are taking control.

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CG T-9 advised that he recently had occasion to inspect the property at 1728 Halsted Street and furnished the following diagrams of the layout of the business headquarters:

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CG T-9 advised that a new corporation known as the H. F. Electrical Company of 264 Eddy Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, has recently opened. It is being operated by [redacted] at the above address, who was listed as 40 year old and an electrician by trade. His partner in the venture is FRANK FRANZE of Flossmoor, Illinois. [redacted] stated that he has invested \$300 capital into the business and will provide all types of electrical services and expects sales to average \$50,000 the first year. Informant advised that in his opinion this will probably be operated as a legitimate business but it is possible that information obtained through servicing homes will be used to commit burglaries in the future.

Informant advised that the Planters, 1200 Halsted Street, was previously licensed to RICHARD GUZZINO, whose license was approved by [redacted] who is well aware of the fact that GUZZINO is a syndicate hoodlum. The license has recently been changed to the name of [redacted] who is the girl friend and paramour of [redacted]. According to the informant [redacted] resides at 16th and Oak Street in Chicago Heights and is a full partner in LA PORTE's Cooperative Music Company.

Informant advised that [redacted] was previously the owner of property known as the Normandy Villa in which the subject is involved. This is a half million dollar tract of land, which was sold to Roscoe Homes, Inc. Informant advised that he had a friend who is an expert on handwriting comparisons compare [redacted] signature with the signature on the deed to the land and it was determined to be identical. [redacted] is the operator of the Tinlin Equipment Company of Steger, Illinois, and the informant has recently learned that the company is moving its operations to either Gary or Hammond, Indiana. He has no information as to whether the subject is involved in the Tinlin Equipment Company or whether [redacted] was used as a nominee in the real estate transaction.

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

By communication dated April 27, 1964, the Indianapolis Office advised that TONY FRANZE has been seen frequently at the Fifth Avenue Recreation, 118 West Fifth Avenue, Gary, Indiana. This is a known gambling operation. Efforts were negative in an effort to establish that the subject travels regularly from Indiana to Illinois. On May 13, 1964, the Indianapolis Office advised that TONY FRANZE interviewed a source regarding his possible employment at the Fifth Avenue Recreation but was never hired for the job.

CG T-6 advised that in 1955 FRANK LA GALBO of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was to be murdered for an unknown reason. LA GALBO apparently learned of this and contacted his friend FRANK LA PORTE in Chicago Heights, Illinois. As a result LA PORTE "lawyered" for him and had LA GALBO spared. As a result LA GALBO is now considered to be part of LA PORTE's family although he spends most of his time in the Milwaukee area. Inquiry among numerous sources in Chicago Heights and Calumet City failed to reveal any information that LA GALBO is known in this area.

CG T-3 advised on March 25, 1964, that AL ROSSETTI, former muscle for LA PORTE in Calumet City, is presently driving a 1964 black Buick license FD 9661, which is owned by ALEX LNU who operates a Standard Service Station at 103rd and Michigan in Chicago. ROSSETTI advised the informant that he had made three trips to LA PORTE's house in Flossmoor in the car but LA PORTE told him not to come anymore because of the "heat" and the fact that "G" were constantly checking his residence in an attempt to determine all his business connections. Informant advised that ROSSETTI appears extremely haggard and told informant that he was having serious financial troubles because he can't get "nothing going".

CG T-7 advised that he had a wide acquaintance among outfit people in the south suburban areas of Chicago.

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He stated it is obvious that the syndicate is hurting financially and that as a result when an individual desires to open a bookie operation the individual is on his own and cannot expect nor does he receive any assistance from the syndicate in protecting the operation. Informant further advised that there are a lot of individuals who were previously on the payroll of the syndicate who had been released and have been forced to either go to work legitimately or become burglars or thieves. Informant advised that he personally has two books in operation which he declined to name and that the split or cut is as follows: For every \$1,000 profit taken in the syndicate nets \$500 to meet its payroll of workers and police protectors, \$100 goes to the owner of the book and \$400 goes to the tavern or other business in which the book is operated. He advised that JIMMY CATURARA does very little talking but he has a "piece" of everything from Madison street in Chicago south to Kankakee, Illinois. Informant does not know if CATURARA makes the major decisions but is positive that he has considerable influence in any decisions made. CATURARA has also stated on occasions that he is extremely unhappy with LA PORTE who he describes as a partner, because of LA PORTE's drinking and running around. CATURARA indicated that the "G" has really gotten to LA PORTE and that it looks like they will put him in the grave if they cannot put him in jail. CATURARA is also upset because of some of the people LA PORTE has on his payroll. He indicated that the moment LA PORTE dies about 90% of his in-laws will either be thrown out or murdered.

Informant advised that he recently spent some time in Chicago Heights, Illinois, where he gained the impression that it is the tightest group in the Chicago area. It is the informant's opinion that LA PORTE's outfit has everything tied up in the city so that nothing can operate without his OK. About 90% of the police department is very friendly with LA PORTE and any action desired to be taken by the ones not under LA PORTE's control is immediately related to LA PORTE so that he can protect himself against any arrests or major troubles.

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Informant stated he is also familiar with Harvey, Illinois, and that Chief MATTHEW ROMER along with former Mayor WILLIAM KANE sold out to the outfit and allowed TUFANELLI and LA PORTE to take over 50% of [redacted] operation. There are at least 7 books in Harvey and FRANK LUZI moved his bonding business of Harvey because LA PORTE needed somebody close by to keep a check on things. The actual operations in Harvey is run by NICK FUSHIE who "has real strong family ties". Informant indicated that the FUSHIE family were the first Sicilians to arrive in the area and were particularly strong in the old bootlegging days. The outfit is having trouble in Harvey because of the new Mayor and the fact that there are two plain clothes men who are checking everything and everybody up.

Calumet City, Illinois, according to the informant, is run by JOE GUZZINO who handles the "big action". He recently was shooting a ziggenette and lost \$12,000 which completely cleaned him out. Informant advised that he was fortunate enough to get over \$600 of this and as a result GUZZINO is very unhappy with him. He described GUZZINO as a former procurer who has since restricted his activity to gambling. Informant advised that the only big game still operating to his knowledge is a poker game, which is held at the Lincoln Athletic Club on 14th Street in Chicago Heights. This game is run under the direct supervision of [redacted] who is becoming a bigger man in the Heights every day. His operation is controlled from Local 5 of the Hod Carriers Union on Chicago Road.

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Detective [redacted] Harvey, Illinois, Police Department, advised on March 24, 1964, that his uncle [redacted] is the owner of Flea's Tavern in Calumet Park, Illinois. His uncle for many years operated one of the biggest horse books in the area for the syndicate but because of recent arrests by both Cook County Sheriff's

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Office and the States Attorney's Police they have moved it to an unknown Rexall Drug Store in Blue Island, Illinois. He advised that it would be an extremely difficult place to raid because they allow only known and trusted people near the place. He advised that after the "heat" started when his uncle was operating the following procedure was used:

An individual entered the tavern and if OK'd by the bartender passed through the kitchen, out another door into a courtyard which was surrounded by a 10 foot brick wall and from the courtyard entered into another building which had no doors and this was where the book was actually operating. Three of the entrance doors into this room were locked and people were stationed with an alarm system nearby. His uncle indicated that the syndicate decided to move the book because they needed more security in order to operate successfully.

[redacted] Harvey, Illinois, Police Department, advised that at the request of his uncle Mayor TURNER, he has been making a concentrated investigation on gambling activities existing in Harvey. He stated that the following places are operated as books:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>
JOE and MARY's Dugout	147th and Wood Street	[redacted]
The Casbar	15414 Park Avenue	[redacted]
The Key Club	15340 Park Avenue	[redacted]
The Doll House	15330 Park Avenue	[redacted]

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Louie's Barber Shop	147th and Center	[REDACTED]
Sparrows Tap	147th and Page	[REDACTED]
The Sugar Bowl	154th and Park	[REDACTED]
The Top Hat	15639 Halsted St.	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that during his tour of duty he and his partner visited each place on a daily basis in an effort to discourage the illegal gambling and in addition he attempted to have his sources and informants enter the suspected establishments in an effort to place bets with the owner. In each case the informant was turned down, the excuse being that "things were too hot right now". In conversation with other sources [REDACTED] advised that the bookies would only accept bets from persons well known and trusted by them or those who have been bookies for a number of years previously. He stated that in all cases when he and his partner would approach these establishments all operations would cease.

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[REDACTED] added that in his opinion it is apparent that a well known faction from Chicago Heights is moving into Harvey. He stated that the place known as The Top Hat was kept under observation because it appeared to be the headquarters and he observed the following individuals visiting this tavern:

DOMINIC PALERMO
283 Torrance Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois

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ALBERT TOCCO
known fence and pimp

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights, Illinois
a well known hoodlum figure

ALBERT ANGELINI
189 West 23rd Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois
a worker for the outfit

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights, Illinois
a known outfit worker

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LE POINTE also stated that on several occasions persons affiliated with the Hod Carriers Union, Local 5 from Chicago Heights enter The Top Hat. LE POINTE stated that on more than one occasion he and his partner observed [REDACTED] meeting with FRANK LUZI and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition [REDACTED] has met with [REDACTED] whom he described as a dangerous hood who is connected with a radical Nazi organization in the Chicago area.

CG T-8 advised that 2 days before JOSEPH COSTELLO allegedly committed suicide there was a rumor around Chicago Heights that a "hit man" was in town to take care of someone. The hit man was in a dark car with a couple of other unknown hoodlums. This individual allegedly was in COSTELLO's house during the time COSTELLO shot himself. The Italian women in the neighborhood of COSTELLO's home saw a black car at his house, however, they would never furnish the information to anyone but do discuss it among themselves. Informant advised that from the information he obtained from the neighborhood women he is of the opinion

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that the individual was DOMINIC PALERMO who he knows has done killings for the outfit in the past. Informant advised that the day before COSTELLO died he had gone to see SONNY DI GIOGANI to try to get the dispute between he and FRANK LA PORTE straightened out. LA PORTE was allegedly pressuring COSTELLO on a large debt and COSTELLO allegedly told LA PORTE off in front of other hoodlums and in the informant's opinion this could have caused his death. The source advised that LA PORTE's people are allegedly shaking down all the small gambling games in the Chicago Heights area because his own big games have been closed down by authorities. He has recently been contacting the private fraternal clubs who gamble in small amounts and informant knows that the Christopher Columbus Club is paying off to the outfit. Informant stated that when JOHN ROBERTS was alive he handled the slot machines for LA PORTE. His brother, MIKE ROBERTS, who lived on West 16th Street in Chicago Heights between State and Wilson is connected with the books in the area and that he probably travels to them on a daily basis.

Informant advised that the present Mayor MAURINO RICHTON's sister was married to COSMO ZERANTE (Deceased). COSMO is the brother to PETE ZERANTE, who is a full partner in the Cooperative Music Company. Informant advised because of this relationship all the newspaper articles and radio statements about RICHTON being a reformed mayor is a "bunch of foolishness".

On April 14, 1964, Chief LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, advised that based on the information obtained from the FBI and his investigators he has sufficient evidence to conduct a raid against [redacted] who operates at least 5 books in Calumet City. He stated he has obtained a search warrant on the basis that telephones at the location indicate that a truck business is being operated by Heuber and Heuber of Chicago. Heuber and Heuber have

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no city license. Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that he intends to have an officer operate the phones and arrest anyone who attempts to make a wager. He will also obtain any records located in the building which will be available for review to determine if [] has any gambling interests in nearby Indiana.

On April 17, 1964, LINKIEWICZ advised that he arrested [] Calumet City, [] Hammond, Indiana, []

Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that he located several betting slips and other information which indicated that a bookie operation was in existence. He advised the records contain no information which would indicate the operation was carried on in Indiana.

POLITICAL AND POLICE TIE-INS

Detective [] Harvey, Illinois, Police Department, advised that approximately 3 years ago he made an arrest of an individual who turned out to be a police runner for a wheel in Chicago. [] charged this individual with carrying a concealed weapon. Within a short period after this arrest Lieutenant FNU [] of the Chicago Police Department came to Harvey and told [] in a discreet manner that it was worth \$500 to "loose the evidence" regarding the policy violation. After he refused he was later called by [] LNU, owner of the Sportsmens Club in Phoenix, Illinois. [] asked him to forget the charges against the individual. He again refused and shortly thereafter Chief ROMER stated to him that he needn't make "such a big deal" of the arrest and should concentrate on more important police work. [] stated by this time he was made and in an effort to spite all these individuals he pushed the case and shortly thereafter was removed from plain clothes and was detached to the uniformed

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force where he spent 90 days as a police school crossing guard. He advised that until recently [] mentioned above, had slot machines in the back room of his tavern and ran a jar game from a drawer underneath the cash register in his tavern. In addition, weekly poker games were held between Mayor KANE, Illinois State Representative EDDY MC GOWEN and other area political figures.

In the opinion of [] Chief ROMER and BOA PIAZZA had an independent gambling operation going for several years. The agreement was that no big operations would be allowed but that small quiet books would be allowed to operate and that Chief ROMER would furnish protection so that the syndicate would be kept out of the operation. When WILLIAM KANE was elected Mayor he and Police Commissioner ABRAHAM contacted ROMER and told him that the syndicate would be allowed to move into the city. At this point [] and FRANK LUZI all moved to Harvey. [] advised that he resides next door to [] and that one early morning he observed two men in [] garage and heard loud and boisterous talking. When he went to investigate, he found that [] had been severely beaten but [] denied all knowledge of his attackers and indicated that it must have been a couple of burglars attempting to robbery.

[] stated that the new Mayor ELMER TURNER and Police Commissioner KING cannot be fixed and that neither of them owe any political debts so that the Mayor is now trying to destroy the syndicate control of gambling in Harvey. Mayor TURNER, his uncle, told him that approximately the 3rd of March that a barber who had recently moved his business contacted the Mayor and stated that he would begin dropping off a few bills for his future campaign funds, the same as he used to do for Chief ROMER and Mayor KANE. He indicated that this barber would operate his book from the new location on a quiet basis and not cause any disturbance. [] stated that the Mayor requested that he be constantly available in an effort to arrest this barber in the event he personally attempted to "pay off the mayor".

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On April 13, 1964, CG T-10 advised as follows:

ROBERT KING, the Commissioner of Police, Harvey, Illinois, was recently contacted by [] who operates several easy snack restaurants in Harvey and Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant overheard a discussion between KING and [] which indicated that [] was complaining because the police department was giving him considerable trouble regarding some of his booking operations in the Harvey area. Informant heard [] admit that he had nearly a dozen bookmakers working for him in Harvey and he wanted to determine how police harrassment could be eliminated. [] was heard to state that "they had an arrangement" with the previous administration of Harvey headed by WILLIAM KANE, who the informant described as the number 2 man in the Republic County organization and right hand man of the then head of the Republican Party and former candidate for Governor, HAYES ROBERTSON. According to [] KANE, as mayor of Harvey, had agreed to allow bookmaking to continue as long as they kept the operation quiet and brought no embarrassment to the administration. In return for his cooperative attitude KANE was given a monthly envelope which contained an unstated amount of money. [] explained that the police department could not stop gambling in Harvey because they would be able to change books on an hour to hour basis if necessary and he stated further that the people of Harvey were not interested in stopping gambling and that it would be for the benefit of all persons if a suitable arrangement could be made with the Commissioner of Police so that gambling could be conducted quietly and unobtrusively. KING was overheard to say that such an arrangement could not be made and that he would continue to instruct the police department to make arrests whenever possible. [] then told him that he had a good source of information within the police department and would be able to determine when a raid was contemplated and in that way avoid arrest. [] further stated that the vice and gambling detail, which was composed of Officers [] would not be able to enforce the law because he, [] had considerable derogatory

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information against them and would not hesitate to blackmail them with the information. As an example he stated that [] uncle is a big time bookmaker in Calumet Park, Illinois. Informant advised that from the same conversation he overheard it was obvious that [] was acting on behalf of a larger organization and that larger people than he had considerable power in determining what gambling operations are conducted in various areas. Informant advised that in approximately 1960, they had another experience with a syndicate operation. At that time he was sitting as a customer at the Harvey Elks Club when two unmasked individuals entered the club carrying guns. They put all the customers up against the wall and advised them that the slot machines in the club were not the right ones. These individuals then took a hammer and they struck each machine with sufficient blows to disable them. Following this they left without attempting to rob anyone. On the next occasion that he was in the Elks Club he noticed that new machines were in operation and he was told by the bartender that these were syndicate machines and they expected no additional trouble. He advised that several of the people present indicated that they personally knew the two men who committed the robbery but to his knowledge the matter was never presented to the police department or any other police authority.

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CG T-11 advised that he is an officer on the Chicago Heights, Illinois, Police Department. He stated that it is his opinion that the "reform Chief" MARTIN ORLICH is not really attempting to clean up the mess in Chicago Heights and is, in fact, going along with certain hoodlums. He cited the following as examples of why he bears this opinion:

1. The Chief recently approved the appointment to the police department of young [] who is the son of [] a well known bookmaker who has operated LA PORTE's booking operations at the "Barrell" on the east side of Chicago Heights.

2. All bondsmen who make bond for any prisoner arrested by Chicago Heights Police Department must place

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an unknown amount of cash in a plain envelope and give it to the Chief or slide it under his door during his absence. The Chief has stated to his officers that he has opened a private bank account with this money and that it will be used as an emergency fund for members of the department. The Chief refused to state the amount involved or any of the details regarding this fund.

3. Shortly after his appointment as Chief he completely changed all uniforms for the department. He demands that all officers purchase their new uniforms from an unknown tailor on Roosevelt Road in Chicago even though one officer found he could buy the same type of uniform cheaper at a different shop. Informant states that the Chief is getting a kickback from the tailor for each uniform.

4. He has appointed CECIL HARTMANN as Chief of Detectives. Informant advised that the Chief was advised by at least three different Governmental agencies that HARTMANN was not trustworthy and had been the "bagman" for the previous Police Chief PHIL HOWARD. Chief ORLICH uses the excuse that HARTMANN has reformed and does a terrific job in cleaning up burglaries and other small crimes. Informant advised further it is his opinion that Chief ORLICH is completely controlled by Mayor MAURINO RICHTON and his overall policy will be to rid the department of all the old timers who were tied closely to LA PORTE and set up his own men and arrangements with LA PORTE. In an effort to enlist the citizens in the cause of his reform movement he has instituted procedures which require the police to work harder and he is actually attempting to solve crimes committed in the city. His desire is to show a marked decrease in the crime statistics while allowing his "newly found friends" to operate gambling and other lucrative businesses unmolested by police interference. Informant advised that ORLICH is very convincing and clever in his methods and will undoubtedly gain support of the gooders and the business community in the village.

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On May 25, 1964, Chief ORLICH advised that he understood that some of his officers have been making confidential allegations to the States Attorney's Police regarding his running of the department. He advised that one of their complaints was the fact that he had stopped all bondsmen from giving money to the various watch commanders for bonds they write on Chicago Heights prisoners. He advised that he personally contacted all the bondsmen and told them that they were under no obligation to pay any policeman but that if they want to make a contribution they should make it to his office where he would place the money in an account to be known as the Police Benevolent Fund. He stated he did this so that all policemen could benefit. His first expenditure will be the purchase of straw hats for the policemen as the city could not afford to buy them. He advised that his efforts to clean up Chicago Heights is being hampered by discontent on the part of some of his officers who are attempting to "get rid of him so that they can revert to the good old days," when the hoodlums ran the town.

The "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper in the April 20, 1964, edition contained an article which reads in part as follows:

The Illinois Crime Commission will be invited to hold its hearing on Chicago Heights gambling problems in that suburb. Mayor MAURINO RICHTON said he is offering the use of the Council Chambers so that the record will be set straight and the people will know the good as well as the bad about Chicago Heights. RICHTON, a former State Legislator, was elected Mayor in 1963 after campaigning on the pledge to reform the police department.

He is smarting from comments from a Crime Commission member that local police were not enforcing gambling laws. A Crime Commission Member, State Representative, RAYMOND J. WELSH, Jr. (Democratic Oak Park) had been quoted as saying sheriff's police made 55 gambling arrests in Chicago Heights last year while the local department made none.

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"We were named with Cicero, Robbins and Summitt." "The implication was that officials of Chicago Heights weren't doing anything about gambling". "This is just not the case. Whereas we do welcome outside agencies and admit we need their help our own police have been making gambling arrests since our administration came into office. The article further stated: "No one can have any conception of what terrible conditions existed in this department when we took office," said Dr. CHARLES S. BAER, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, who was elected on the same reform ticket with RICHTON. "Each shift was operating as a dynasty unto itself. In spite of this, and the utter chaos we inherited, we are now developing a real police department - something this city has never had before."

RICHTON said: "We are working to bury not only the old reputation that Chicago Heights has carried so many years, but to rid ourselves of the conditions that allowed that reputation to develop." RICHTON said that although he seeks further improvements in the Chicago Heights cleanup, he is encouraged by the results so far. "Maybe what we have done can be an example."

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[] advised on March 24, 1964, that he came to the Chicago Heights Police Department from Bridgeview, Illinois. He advised that he has since been asked to resign by Chief ORLICH because he has apparently found out too much on what is going on and made the mistake of indicating to some other officers that he would like to testify before the Illinois Crime Commission on the conditions that still existed in the department. He advised that he has determined the following information from various old time individuals in Chicago Heights Police Department:

FRANK LA PORTE gave \$8,000 to Mayor RICHTON's campaign fund, however, \$4,000 was put into the Better Government Campaign Fund and the other \$4,000 was unaccounted for. He advised that in his opinion RICHTON is attempting to gloss over the surface and make it appear that he is cleaning

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up the town by getting rid of a few old timers. RICHTON's man "boy" in the department is Captain STEC, who frequently gets drunk while on duty but no one including the Chief takes any action against him. He advised that another policeman, DANDINO, operates a gas station at Joe Orr Road and Halsted Street and from this station operates a small "juice" racket as well as procures for at least two prostitutes in Chicago Heights. FOSTER advised that he could furnish no sources for the above information but that in his opinion these facts exist.

Chief CASIMIR DINKIEWICZ advised that Mayor MAURINO RICHTON of Chicago Heights recently came to Mayor JOE NOVAK's office in Calumet City with PETER ZERANTE. RICHTON stated that he represented ZERANTE who leased his restaurant at 159th and Burnham Avenue to a [redacted]. His complaint is that [redacted] is in arrears for rental money and in addition gave a bad check to ZERANTE for over \$1,000. He requested that police department prevent [redacted] from entering the restaurant until he made the check good.

RICHTON stated to Mayor NOVAK that he had a personal interest in the matter as his sister owned a part of the business. It is noted that ZERANTE is considered a full partner in the Cooperative Music Company of Chicago Heights with FRANK LA PORTE and that this is the front for LA PORTE's slot machine organization.

Chief ROBERT OVERSTOLZ advised on April 21, 1964, that [redacted] who he described as a small time hoodlum in political favor in Steger, Illinois, recently told him that he had stopped a burglary in Steger by two syndicate men, one of whom was [redacted] of Chicago Heights. The Chief advised that he immediately informed Chief CHARLES TEIRI of Steger on a confidential basis in an attempt to assist him in preventing any future burglaries. The following day [redacted] stated that [redacted] had approached him and threatened him with bodily injury if he ever discussed [redacted] activities to the police again. OVERSTOLZ stated that it was obvious that Chief TEIRI went directly to [redacted] and informed him of his conversation

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with OVERSTOLZ. OVERSTOLZ stated that bookmaking is wide open in Steger and the police are making no effort to close the operations. OVERSTOLZ stated that it is obvious to him that FRANK LA PORTE still controls this small village.

Chief JEROME STEVENSON, Olympia Fields, Illinois, Police Department, advised that it had come to his attention that one of his Village Trustees PAUL SCOTT had attended a big hoodlum wedding at the American Legion Hall in Chicago Heights on May 9, 1964. It is noted that FRANK FRANZE's son was married on this date. SCOTT is presently confined to the St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Illinois, following a minor heart attack. SCOTT was employed with the Time-Life organization for 18 years but recently went to work for a publishing firm in Chicago that produces magazines designed for Negro circulation. The Chief advised that he is not familiar with the extent of SCOTT's hoodlum association. He resides at 20627 Greenwood Avenue, Olympia Fields, and is described as a very controversial trustee because of his extremely liberal views.

CG T-12 advised that he recently had a long conversation with Mayor JOSEPH NOVAK of Calumet City, Illinois. NOVAK was feeling depressed and stated he wanted to tell the informant of his troubles in cleaning up Calumet City. He advised informant that his first association with the crime syndicate was in approximately 1957 when he, NOVAK, was serving as Police Magistrate for Calumet City. He contacted Sheriff JOSEPH LOHMAN and requested appointment at the Magistrate of Homewood, Illinois, Sheriff's court. He received no insurance from Sheriff LOHMAN that the job would be given him, however, it appeared that he was under serious consideration for the position. Within a few days after his conversation with the Sheriff he was contacted by "DOC" AMADIO, owner of a Calumet City distributing plant and a Lieutenant for FRANK LA PORTE. AMADIO questioned him concerning what type of action he would take on vice emanating from Calumet City in the event he received an appointment as Magistrate of the Homewood Court. After explaining that he would try all cases and render a decision

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based on the merits of the case, AMADIO stated he would not be able to obtain the appointment unless he agreed to "dismiss" all cases requested by the "boys". For this type of favor he would receive a monthly envelope which would amount to more than the legal fees based on guilty findings of such cases. NOVAK complained to the informant that he never received any further consideration in the matter. NOVAK continued his story stating that in 1959 he decided to enter the campaign for Mayor of Calumet City. Shortly after his entrance into the race he received a telephone call from PHIL BACINO, the owner of John's Pizzeria in Calumet City. BACINO requested that he come to his home in order to meet a friend of his. When he arrived at BACINO's house he was introduced to FRANK LA PORTE. LA PORTE "an extremely large roll of money" from his pocket and stated that this plus whatever else he needed would be donated to his campaign fund providing certain of his conditions were met. The conditions included the proposition that LA PORTE would agree to close down all prostitution and clip joints operating on State Street and in return NOVAK would guarantee to make no effort to interrupt the gambling operations that were going on in Calumet City. LA PORTE stated that the gambling would operate quietly and under cover so that no adverse newspaper publicity would result. In addition, occasional arrests could be made so that the newspapers would report that Mayor NOVAK was cleaning up the town. LA PORTE stated that several friendly newspapers would give considerable publicity to the fact that the city was being reformed and that complete credit would be given to the Mayor. If these conditions were met the Mayor would receive a monthly envelope from LA PORTE which he could use for his personal requirements. The amount of money in the envelope was undisclosed. Mr. NOVAK advised the informant that he considered the possibility and that approximately two days later he told LA PORTE that he could not agree to any such control at which time LA PORTE stated that he would regret his decision because he could get no support from various other agencies in attempting to clean up the city and that if he was elected the newspapers would

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not back him. Following his actual election he was again approached by "DOC" AMADIO who advised him to "get on the bandwagon". He again refused AMADIO and a short time later he was contacted by FNU [redacted] (phonetic), a reporter for the "Chicago Daily News". [redacted] advised him that he had had a meeting with [redacted] Hammond, Indiana, and [redacted] Attorney in Burnham, Illinois.

[redacted] stated that the other two gentlemen realized that "they" had made a mistake in sending a "slob" like AMADIO to contact him and [redacted] explained the facts of life to NOVAK. Informant advised that NOVAK would not elaborate on what the "facts of life" were. According to the informant the offer was again turned down and shortly thereafter he began having trouble with various state agencies. As an example NOVAK told the informant that [redacted]

then First Assistant States Attorney advised him that he intended to indict NOVAK for failing to sign a forfeited criminal bond to the States Attorney's Office within the required 60 days. The Summit Fidelity Insurance Company, holder of the bond, refused to honor it and the Mayor was forced to put up \$1,500 of his own money to prevent [redacted] from filing criminal charges against him. The particular bond had been handled by FRANK LUZI, nephew of [redacted]

[redacted] As a result he disqualified LUZI for making future criminal bonds in Calumet City. Within one week the Mayor told informant that an unrecalled Agent from the State Insurance Department of Illinois, inspected his office and stated that he was in technical violation of some of the state requirements and that unless he wanted to go to court and be embarrassed he had better allow LUZI to continue making bonds in the city. The Mayor indicated to the informant that this was only one of several instances in which he ran into road blocks in his attempt to rid Calumet City of the illegal strip tease joints and gambling. He advised that he was finally successful in cleaning up the city by contacting respectable authorities on the various Chicago newspapers and obtained considerable publicity regarding the illegal operations existing in Calumet City. As a result of favorable publicity and cooperation by State and County agencies

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gambling diminished to the point that the hoodlums lost their "clout" and gains were gradually made in cleaning up the city. The Mayor on another occasion told the informant that he had a conversation with FRANK LUZI in which he indicated that he, the Mayor, intended to apply to the State Department of Insurance in order to reinstate his insurance brokerage license which he had let lapse. In the conversation he commented to LUZI that he had to take the time to take the examination and to make usual payment of money in order to bring his lapsed dues up to current date. LUZI advised him that none of this would be necessary if he would cooperate on matters concerning Calumet City. LUZI stated that his uncle, FRANK LA PORTE could have his license reinstated without any payment or without any examination.

NOVAK further advised that [redacted] was formerly the City Clerk for the City of Burnham, Illinois, and was the protege of JOHNNY PATTON (Deceased) who in the 1930's was considered the biggest gambler in the Chicago area. It appeared to the informant that NOVAK was of the opinion that [redacted] is closely associated with the criminal element and is also a close personal friend of FRANK LA PORTE. He advised that [redacted] presently resides in the same house as [redacted] City Clerk for the City of Hammond, Indiana. Both were extremely active in real estate transactions concerning land surrounding the Chicago Calumet Harbor Port which was subsequently annexed and is being operated by the City of Chicago. NOVAK indicated to the informant that it is obvious from his association and trials as Mayor of Calumet City that the hoodlums are extremely close with numerous politicians of Cook County and the State of Illinois. They exercise considerable control over the politicians and that the only possible way of breaking this power is through advance publicity in the newspaper medium. He further indicated to the informant that the proceeds from gambling is the most important single factor in the financial empires operated by the hoodlums. From his own personal observation it is his belief that numerous

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Mayors and other officials of small communities attempt to present an appearance of honesty and integrity and that they actually do manage to cut down various crimes of a minor nature while at the same time reap considerable personal benefit from illegal gambling and bookmaking that operate on the quiet or under cover. The Mayor indicated to the informant that all gambling is controlled by the Crime Syndicate and no independent operations are allowed to operate without the control and consent of the hoodlums or politicians.

On April 23, 1964, Mayor JOSEPH NOVAK, Calumet City, was contacted. He advised that he could furnish no information regarding the subject and that he had only met the subject on one or two occasions. He advised that he was unsuccessful in cleaning up Calumet City because he has an excellent police Chief who knew hoodlums and how they operate. He denied that he was familiar with hoodlum tactics.



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Chicago, Illinois
June 4, 1964

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special
Agent Thomas W. Parrish dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who is familiar
with gambling operations in Chicago.

Chicago T-2 is an individual who has access
to certain medical records in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Chicago T-3 is an associate of certain criminal
factions in Harvey, Illinois.

Chicago T-4 is a gambler in the Hammond, Indiana,
area.

Chicago T-5 is an individual who is familiar with
certain legitimate enterprises operated by various hoodlums.

Chicago T-6 is an admitted member of a criminal
organization.

Chicago T-8 is Chief of Police in a suburban
community.

Chicago T-9 is an individual who has access to
confidential credit reports.

Chicago T-10 is a businessman who has certain
knowledge of organized criminal activities.

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Chicago T-11 is a Chicago Heights, Illinois,
policeman.

Chicago T-12 is a Calumet City, Illinois,
policeman.

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Date: 6/22/64

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 SUB 12)

FRANK LA PORTE, aka.
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Re Chicago letter 5/12/64.

Under a suitable pretext a second floor apartment of Cooperative Music Company has been rented for one month in order to complete the survey of pertinent area. This second floor apartment gives access to the building. A laundry room on the second floor available to all tenants is located directly over the pertinent room where misur coverage is desired.

Survey is nearing completion and Bureau permission is requested to install misur coverage at Cooperative Music while access is still available in the upstairs apartment. Full security will be afforded. FD-142 being submitted.

C. C. WICK

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Chicago (92-350 Sub 12)

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Director, FBI

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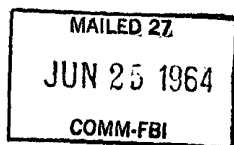
Re your airtel 6/22/64.

Provided full security assured, authority granted to install a misur at the Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Promptly advise Bureau when source activated and symbol number assigned. This authority is for a 30-day period from date source activated.

Furnish the Bureau a weekly airtel summary of information obtained from this installation. Submit your recommendations regarding continuance beyond the authorized period one week prior to the expiration of this authority.

NOTE: Bulet 12/24/63 authorized CGO to conduct survey at the above location. LaPorte is an associate of Sam Giancana and top level members of the CG underworld group. He has been described by sources as the overseer of southern Cook County for Giancana. Investigation discloses that he meets frequently with associates at the above location, which was established as a jukebox distributing outlet, but is believed to handle LaPorte's illegal slot machine operations. Recommend request of CGO to install a misur at this location be approved.

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5793)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)
SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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Re Chicago teletype 7/1/64 to Bureau entitled,
"GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI; IGA".

An anonymous source telephonically advised on 6/29/64, that LA PORTE's gambling lieutenant in Blue Island, Illinois, "BABE" TUFFANELLI owed him \$21 and would not pay him. The money was owed to him for the unloading of approximately 1,000 slot machines into a barn between 123rd and 127th Street on Kedzie Avenue in Cook County, Illinois. Previous investigation by the Chicago Office has established that [] was observed at LA PORTE's Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights. [] advised a Chicago source that he was hauling juke boxes for LA PORTE but at times hauled "not so little machines".

It was established that [] resides at [] but his moving truck is often stored at []. On 6/30/64, [] was interviewed and he advised that both of the above addresses were owned by [] has been previously identified as an associate of TUFFANELLI. When [] was asked about his knowledge of slot machines stored in his barn he advised that he was the leasee of the property for only three weeks and that as far as he was concerned Agents could search any

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part of the premises but he would not execute a waiver of search because he did not want to become involved. When asked if the machines were stored in his barn he stated, "I will neither affirm nor deny that slot machines are in the barn _____ and they are not mine". He stated that he was leaving the property and that the Agents could "look the place over".

Agents walked through the horse stable barn and observed a slot machine in a enclosure inside the barn. The enclosure appeared large enough to house about 50 machines. The area was placed under surveillance and AUSA, Chicago, contacted. He advised that no federal violation exists in this type of situation. Based upon an FBI affidavit, a search warrant was obtained by the Cook County States Attorney's Police. The barn was thoroughly searched and 55 slot machines (known as one arm bandits) were confiscated. They appeared to be in good working order and Sergeant [] of the Gambling Unit advised they have a minimum value of \$30,000.

It is to be noted that the anonymous source stated that TUFFANELLI was presently in Nevada for the purpose of attempting to sell the machines.

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As the machines were being removed from the barn [] appeared and advised that he was the owner of the property. After a "heated" discussion with Sergeant [] agreed to a search of [] former residence at []. No machines were located in this area but in an old 4 car garage, 5 telephones and 2 desks were discovered. It would appear that a bookmaking operation had previously been operated from the premises.

Checks with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company have been instituted in an effort to determine the nature of the operation.

A criminal informant of the Chicago Office advised that he has just learned from a close associate of LA PORTE that he was "boiling" and intended to take drastic action to determine the informer who had "sold him out" with the machines

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in Blue Island and Joliet. It should be noted that the Chicago Office previously seized and destroyed approximately \$50,000 worth of machines which had been stored in [REDACTED] garage in Joliet, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile

JUNE
) DATE: 6/23/64

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 SUB 12)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

COOPERATIVE MUSIC CO.
1728 Halsted Street
RE: Title Chicago Heights, Illinois

Character of Case AR
Field Office Chicago
Symbol Number
Type of Surveillance (Technical or Microphone)

1. Name and address of subject:

FRANK LA PORTE, 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois.

2. Location of technical operation:

Private Office at 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

No other technical surveillances on LA PORTE.

4. Cost and manpower involved:

Expenses for operating misur will be SA time required for monitoring and transcribing results of misur. Estimated costs of Agent time not to exceed \$5,000 per year.

5. Adequacy of security:

No unusual risks involved.

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Frank La Porte aka AR
authorized this installation

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6. Type of case involved:

FRANK LA PORTE, aka. AR - Chicago file 92-920
FRANCIS CURRY, aka. AR - Chicago file 92-1519

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

FRANK LA PORTE is one of the ten most prominent Chicago area top hoodlums under intensified investigation. FRANCIS CURRY controls organized criminal activities in Will County, Illinois, and is a top lieutenant of LA PORTE.

8. Specific information being sought:

This coverage is expected to reveal LA PORTE's activities in south Cook County and his association with various top hoodlums of Chicago.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: Surveillances & live informants have indicated that LA PORTE's associates hold daily meetings in a private office located in the company plant. LA PORTE on various occasions holds meetings with CURRY & his brother-in-law FRANK FRANZE. The above sources indicate that all planning of gambling activities are also decided in this office. It is felt that since this place is used both by LA PORTE & his lower echelon associates their conversations should reveal the degree of "family" control as well as criminal activities.

10. Importance of case and subject:

FRANK LA PORTE is one of the ten top cases of the Chicago Division. He is presently under intensified investigation. FRANCIS CURRY is also a top hoodlum who controls Will County, Illinois.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means
(Explain in detail):

Considerable information has been obtained through live informants on FRANK LA PORTE; however, the desired detailed information concerning his control of "the family" and information concerning criminal activity in south Cook County can only be obtained through utilization of a misur on this individual.

12. Risks of detection involved:

Installation will be adequately concealed so that possible detection will be at an absolute minimum.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

It is recommended that this misur be continued indefinitely or until it is determined that the information received does not justify its continuance.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency
(name specific official, title and agency):

None.

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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350 PM CST URGENT 7/27/64 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (92-5793)

FROM CHICAGO (92-920) 1P

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA, AR.

CHIEF OF POLICE, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT
AT TWO ZERO NINE AM TODAY, FIVE BUILDINGS WHICH FORMERLY
OPERATED AS SYNDICATE QUOTE STRIP JOINTS UNQUOTE AND
RESTAURANTS WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE. TWO OTHERS
SUFFERED FIRE DAMAGE OF A LESSER DEGREE. ALL BUT TWO OF THE
BUILDINGS WERE VACANT. INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED BY STATE
FIRE MARSHAL TO BE DETERMINE IF ARSON WAS INVOLVED. BUILDINGS
WERE LOCATED ON STATE STREET AND WERE KNOWN AS THE LITTLE CLUB,
PADDOCK CLUB, HULA HUT, RAINBOW CLUB, SMOA RESTAURANT, DERBY
CLUB, AND ZIG ZAG CLUB. LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF BUILDINGS BEING
DETERMINED. ALL WERE OPERATED BY SUBJECT OR HIS ASSOCIATES
PRIOR TO THEIR CLOSING IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND SIXTY TWO.
ABOVE FOR INFO OF BUREAU.

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AUG 4 1964
EC: MR. EVANS

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Evans ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

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Title and Character of Case

**FRANK LA PORTE, AKA
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Date Property Acquired 12/31/63	Source From Which Property Acquired <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 400px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> Country Club
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Exhibit Room	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Possible evidence, to be destroyed at close of case.
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T. Parrish

**Unknown pieces of scrap from subj. room 622 at St. James Hosp.
appears to be receipts from Gambling.**

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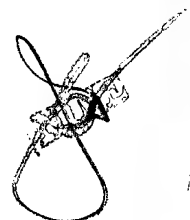
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Director, FBI

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1 - J. G. Leggett
1 - J. E. Kelly, Jr.

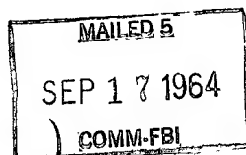
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Advise status of your efforts to effect misur
coverage at the Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted
Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 9/17/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/4 - 8/31/64
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY MAB
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 6/4/64 at Chicago.
Chicago letter to San Francisco dated 8/11/64.
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 7/27/64.

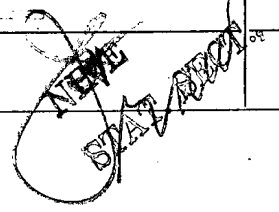
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ENCLOSURESTO THE BUREAU

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of a characterization of informants.

LEADS

Investigative leads for other field divisions have been set forth in separate communications.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation regarding subject's background and activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report is excessive. It has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications. The Agent assigned to the investigation has been involved in a special entitled "RACE RIOTS, DIXMOOR, ILLINOIS".

Investigation at Burlington, Iowa, was conducted by SA

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INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
CG T-1	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	6/6/64
CG T-2 [REDACTED]	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	
by request		
CG T-3 [REDACTED]	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	
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CG T-4 is [REDACTED]	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	
CG T-5 [REDACTED]	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	
CG T-6 [REDACTED]	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	
Island		
CG T-7 [REDACTED]		
CG T-8 PCI [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	
CG T-9 [REDACTED]	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	8/13/64

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 9/17/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 92-920

Bureau File No.: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to maintain a residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. TONY FRANZE, his brother-in-law, has moved from the Flossmoor address and is presently living with subject's other brother-in-law TED BARTUSIEWICZ. Subject's paramour [redacted] now living in Chicago Heights in house formerly occupied by subject's nephew. Subject's illegal activities set forth. Subject appears to be losing control of organized crime because of poor health and financial loss of income because of stricter enforcement. Informants advise that subject was interested in selling the Co-operative Music Company in Chicago Heights.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on September 2, 1964, that continued frequent spot checks at the subject's and his relatives residences on Cambridge Road indicate that the subject has on irregular occasions been observed at his 1730 Cambridge Road address. Chief PAULING stated that a new sewer line is being installed along the subject's property and Flossmoor city employees have indicated that the subject on various unrecalled dates made comments to the work crews regarding the noise and dust caused by the installation.

A check with the Village Manager's Office disclosed that no official complaint has been received from the subject, however, other residents in the general area have made numerous complaints regarding the activity of the sewer line company.

[redacted] Manager, General Adjustment Bureau, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised on July 30, 1964, that he received a call from [redacted] real estate and insurance agent, that the subject suffered water damage from a broken pipe at his residence in Flossmoor. [redacted] stated that he told [redacted] that it was an adjustable loss and that he, [redacted] would make an inspection of the damage in an attempt to settle the claim. [redacted] stated that LA PORTE would not allow him to enter the house, but that he, [redacted] would make an investigation and advise the extent of damage. [redacted] stated that LA PORTE would rather repair the damage himself. If the adjustment company would not agree to the above arrangement,

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LA PORTE would cancel his insurance and obtain a policy from another company. [] agreed to attempt to contact LA PORTE for permission to enter his home but stated that he was very doubtful if he would be successful. He further advised that the Grossi Construction Company, 1501 Hanover, Chicago Heights, Illinois, does all of the repair contracts for the Chicago Heights hoodlums. [] in [] opinion, is not a hoodlum nor has he ever been involved in illegal activity to [] knowledge. He was raised with the hoodlums in the hungry hills section of Chicago Heights and because of this will do or say nothing that might cause him trouble. In the past [] has questioned [] about their activities and has been told to "mind his own business". [] stated that he gets the hoodlums repair jobs because he keeps his mouth shut and they trust him.

On August 31, 1964, [] advised that to date he has received no official claim notice regarding any damage to the subject's property and that he therefore assumes that the subject had the repairs made on his own and does not intend to submit a bill for insurance adjustment.

It should be noted that [] has previously been identified as a close associate of the subject and a leader in local Chicago Heights Republican political circles.

Chief JEROME STEVENSON, Olympia Fields, Illinois Police Department, advised on July 30, 1964, that he has been a long-time friend with [] who operates the Safe Way Taxi Company in Chicago Heights.

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At the request of the FBI, STEVENSON had previously contacted [] in an attempt to determine the name and address of the colored maid that is employed at the subject's residence. Chief STEVENSON advised that [] advised him that [] (phonetic) regularly takes a taxi to the LA PORTE residence and has been doing so for approximately 11 years. [] indicated that he did not know her address but stated she has a brother who has an automobile body repair shop located in an alley behind Super Motors, Incorporated in Chicago Heights.

CG T-1 advised on June 6, 1964, that the subject's paramour [] has moved from the subject's building at [] Chicago Heights, and is presently residing at [] Chicago Heights. She continues her employment as manager of the Park Lane Beauty Salon, 1135 West 127th Street, Calumet Park, Illinois. CG T-1 advised that the subject has been observed at [] house on June 6, July 17, and August 12, 1964.

It should be noted that the address on [] [] was formerly occupied by [] the daughter and son-in-law of FRANK FRANZE who is the brother-in-law of the subject. Previous information indicated that the subject actually owns this residence although the title is not in his name.

Chief CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised that he regularly spot checks the residence of [] and has observed the subject's automobile at that address during the afternoon hours on several occasions. [] has previously been identified as another paramour of the subject's who previously was a hostess at one of the subject's "strip joints" in Calumet City.

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On June 24, 1964, Iowa license 29-4184 was observed parked in the driveway of 331 Warren Street, Calumet City. By communication dated August 20, 1964, the Omaha Office advised that on July 10, 1964, [] Auto License Department, Des Moines County Treasurer's Office, Burlington, Iowa, advised that 1964 Iowa license 29-4184 were issued to the Des Moines County Collection Bureau, 601-605 Medical Arts Building, Burlington, Iowa. These licenses were issued December 24, 1963, for a 1964 Chrysler, two-door hardtop, bearing VIN 8233162907 on Iowa Title 29-121326. This automobile was purchased new on January 2, 1963, by the Des Moines County Collection Bureau from Sheagran and Hunt, who are the Chrysler dealers in Burlington, Iowa.

On July 13, 1964, Inspector [] Burlington, Iowa, Police Department, advised that the Des Moines County Collection Bureau is operated by [] and that [] has a good reputation in Burlington, Iowa. Inspector [] knew of no criminal activities or associates on the part of []

On August 12, 1964, [] Manager of the Des Moines County Collection Bureau, 601-605 Medical Arts Building, Burlington, Iowa, advised that he is the owner of a 1963 Chrysler which is a light gray or off-colored white and that it bears 1964 Iowa license 29-4184. [] advised that although this automobile is his personally-owned automobile he has its license and title under his business. He stated that to the best of his knowledge his license plates had not been stolen and he was certain that his license plates were attached to his automobile at this time. [] advised

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that he did not recall having been in the Chicago, Illinois area in June, 1964; however, he recalled that he and his wife visited one of his wife's relatives named [redacted] at Calumet City, Illinois, in May, 1964.

[redacted] was not questioned further concerning this matter so as not to compromise any investigation currently being conducted by the Chicago Division and in view of the fact that [redacted] possesses a good reputation in Burlington, Iowa.

STATUS OF HEALTH

CG T-2 advised on July 14, 1964, that the subject continues to receive medication for his heart ailment on infrequent occasions. He still refuses to make appointments at his doctor's office and arrives unannounced. According to the informant he has continuing trouble with stomach ulcers and has been advised by his physician Dr. [redacted] to slow down his physical activity and discontinue the drinking of alcoholic beverages. According to the informant it is doubtful that the subject will follow the advice of his doctor.

CG T-3 advised on July 8, 1964, that the subject's wife MARGUERITA LA PORTE, according to neighborhood gossip, continues to need and require constant supervision of her activity because of her alcoholism. Informant stated that she does not have a private nurse and that her sister-in-laws, especially DOLLY BARTUSIEWICZ, constantly "keeps on eye on her". Informant advised that Mrs. LA PORTE appears to be very dissipated in her physical appearance and that she is observed outside her residence on infrequent occasions. Informant advised that he has never observed the subject with Mrs. LA PORTE at any time.

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RELATIVES

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING advised on June 28, 1964, that the subject's brother-in-law ANTHONY (TONY) FRANZE has moved from his former residence of 1308 Dixie Highway, Flossmoor, Illinois, and is now regularly staying at the Cambridge Road home of his brother-in-law TED BARTUSIEWICZ. Chief PAULING advised that he received no advance information regarding the move out and is of the opinion that the subject sold his home, including all the furnishings, inasmuch as none of his patrols reported that a moving van was observed at the home until the new occupants moved in. Chief PAULING advised that he has heard from unrecalled sources that the subject had to sell the home for financial reasons. Chief PAULING stated that he had not heard what the actual selling price was.

Pilgrim Realty Company, advised that he had contacted Thorn Creek Realty, who previously offered the FRANZE home for sale, and was advised that their listing of the property had been withdrawn and indicated that the subject sold his house individually rather than through a real estate dealer.

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CG T-1 advised that TONY FRANZE's car had been observed in the driveway of his brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ, during the late evening hours indicating that the subject is staying at that address.

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[redacted] Clerk, Chicago Heights Credit Bureau, advised on June 29, 1964, that [redacted] who is employed as a driver for the Regal Vending Company, a cigarette machine operation, resided at 839 Marion Way, Chicago Heights, and is listed in her records as a part owner of the Co-operative Music Company. He is married to the former [redacted] the daughter of [redacted]

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It is noted that [redacted] is a sister-in-law of the PILOTTO family. ART PILOTTO is considered LA PORTE's number one lieutenant in the Chicago Heights area and is president of the Hod Carriers Union, Local 5, in Chicago Heights.

"The Star", a Chicago Heights bi-weekly newspaper, contained an article in the June 25, 1964, edition which reads in part as follows:

Miss KERRY CARDILLI, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LELIO CARDILLI, 803 D'Amico Drive, Chicago Heights, was married to Mr. RAYMOND FRANZE. Mr. FRANZE is the son of Mr. and Mrs. ANTHONY FRANZE, 1308 Dixie Highway, Flossmoor, Illinois. The wedding was held in San Rocco Church in Chicago Heights. The date of the wedding was not given. The bride's attendants were Mrs. GERI CARDILLI, sister-in-law of the bride, as matron of honor; Mrs. JERI CARDILLI, sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. JANICE KRAUT, sister of the bridegroom; Miss ROSANN COSTELLO; Miss JENNIFER FRANZE, cousin of the bridegroom; and Miss LUCIA BULLARO. AL CARDILLI, brother of the bride, was best man. Groomsmen and ushers were NORMAN CARDILLI, brother of the bride; DON KRAUT, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; DENNIS FRANZE, cousin of the bridegroom; ROGER FRANZE, cousin of the bridegroom; and ARNOLD SCHROEDER, cousin of the bride.

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Guests from Chicago, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Gary, Indiana, and California attended the reception. The couple will reside at 427 West Hickory Street, Chicago Heights, following a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, and parts of California.

The new Mrs. FRANZE is a 1963 graduate of Marian High School and is presently employed by Thorn Creek Realty, Incorporated. The bridegroom graduated from Homewood - Flossmoor High School and attended Quincy College. He is presently employed by Montgomery Ward and Company.

By communication dated July 21, 1964, the San Francisco Office advised that Mr. DONALD GUADAGNOLA, 52 North Purviance, Linden, California, was contacted on June 18, 1964. He acknowledged a distant relationship with the subject through the marriage of his brother to the subject's sister. He was reluctant to discuss the subject stating that this matter involved his family. He did not furnish any information of value regarding the subject. He was recontacted on July 6 and July 14, 1964, and again failed to furnish any pertinent information. He does not have access to the RAY GUADAGNOLA residence in Linden.

[REDACTED]
Stockton, California, advised on July 14, 1964, that he has no additional information regarding the subject. He stated that his mother, [REDACTED] is an alcoholic and completely unstable.

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ASSOCIATES

~~SAMUEL GUZZINO~~
SAMUEL GUZZINO
Birch Avenue
Park Forest, Illinois

On August 20, 1964, the "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper, contained an article which reads in part as follows:

Date line - Daytona Beach, Florida

"Arrest 5 In Fix Try At Races

"Five men, three of them from the Chicago area, were arrested Thursday night on charges of trying to fix dog races at the Daytona Beach Kennel Club.

"Police reported they were caught with drugged hamburger meat.

"A sixth man, Joseph Barone of Chicago, was being hunted on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to fix the outcome of a dog race, police said.

"Arrested on the same charge and taken to the Volusia County jail at De Lane were Tony J. Falzone, 54, and Arthur B. Pilotto, 50, both of Chicago; Samuel G. Guzzino, of Park Forest, Ill., a Chicago suburb; Kenneth L. Griffin, 35, of Miami, and Alfonse L. Merola, 38, of Providence, R. I.

"They were trying to make bonds of \$10,000 each. Police said Guzzino also was charged with vagrancy.

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"Charles Carr, Daytona Beach police captain and chief security officer for the track, said officers knew of the six men from a 1960 dog-doping investigation that was one of the first in the country to uncover methods of a ring which was believed to be working at a number of tracks."

Previous investigation indicated that SAM GUZZINO, RICHARD GUZZINO and ART PILOTTO were operating a bookmaking ring in Chicago Heights, Illinois. ART PILOTTO is the brother of AL PILOTTO who has previously been described as the subject's bodyguard and number one lieutenant.

FALZONE has been described by associates as a bartender for the syndicate who was last employed as a bartender at the Lakewood Club in Chicago Heights. He was discharged from this position approximately two weeks before his arrest by Florida police.

[redacted] is unknown to this office but is believed possibly identical with [redacted] a well-known Chicago Heights procurer and night club owner. He has previously been a close associate of other individuals. Photographs are presently being exhibited to authorities in Florida to determine if he is identical to this subject.

[redacted]
Calumet City, Illinois

[redacted] Hostess, Town and Country Motel, advised that on July 8, 1964, she observed [redacted] and FRANK LA PORTE having lunch at the Town and Country Restaurant. She was unable to overhear their conversation but it appeared to be some type of business talk.

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It is noted that [] has previously admitted to the FBI that he is acquainted with the subject but denied any business association with him.

[] former Calumet City night club operator, is presently involved in the building of drive-in hamburger stands in the northern Indiana and suburban area of Chicago.

Brothers

CG T-4 advised on August 26, 1964, that the [] brothers, [] are involved in serious trouble with the syndicate operating in Chicago. Informant advised that he knows and has been told to stay away from them inasmuch as "they may not be around too long". Informant advised that [] who are "tight" with "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO, are attempting to get permission to kill the whole family. Informant advised that it is his guess that the trouble arises from some stolen automobiles. He will attempt to discreetly determine the trouble that the [] are involved in. Informant further stated that he has also heard that they will no longer obey orders of LA PORTE and that this is another reason that they are on "thin ice".

FRANK LUZI
154th Street
Harvey, Illinois

[] former Harvey, Illinois policeman and presently a partner in the F&L Bond Company owned by the subject's nephew FRANK LUZI, advised on July 15, 1964, that LUZI and [] another partner, appear to be extremely worried about their bribery charge involving a Sauk Trail, Illinois justice of the peace. They are afraid because of all the current heat on crime they will be unable to fix their case.

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[redacted]
Tucson, Arizona

CG T-4 advised on July 24, 1964, that [redacted] and his brother [redacted] who formerly did "muscle work" for the LA PORTE organization, presently have a gang of colored burglars working for them.

By communication dated August 7, 1964, the Phoenix Office advised that ABCOA Automobile, Truck and Equipment, 3255 East 36th Street, Tucson, Arizona, is owned by [redacted] or an employee named [redacted] has been in contact with [redacted] of [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, and [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. Records of the Phoenix Police Department failed to disclose any record regarding [redacted]

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

[redacted] furnished the following information:

He resides at [redacted] Homewood, Illinois, and is the vice president and manager of the City Beverage firm. His mother, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, is the president of the company. His brother, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Kankakee, Illinois, is the secretary-treasurer of the company and handles the company's branch operation in the Kankakee vicinity. The firm acts as distributor of Pabst Blue Ribbon, Falstaff, Sterling, Lowenbrau, Schmidt Cereal Beverage and Country Club Malts. The aforementioned beer is obtained from distributors in Chicago, Illinois.

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During the spring of 1960, he received a telephone call from [] whom is believed to be president of the International Hod Carriers and Common Building Laborers Union, Local 5 (Local 5), Chicago Heights, Illinois, and [] asked him if he knew of anyone who might have a liquor license to sell. He did not think this to be odd because on other occasions [] had contacted him in an effort to obtain Chicago Heights liquor licenses. At that time one of his customers, who owned two taverns on the east side of Chicago Heights, was having financial difficulties and was losing money steadily in the operation of one of the two taverns. This customer's name is [] who is of Mexican ancestry, and who speaks and understands English very poorly. He had previously recommended to [] that he sell the tavern on which he was losing money and it seemed to him to be an opportunity to help [] out of his financial troubles. He contacted [] and told him of [] interest in obtaining a liquor license, and he learned subsequently that [] had acted as "middleman" in transferring [] liquor license to the Walgreen Drug Company, which company was opening up a large store in the center of Chicago Heights. He further understands that the transfer of this liquor license was effected without [] name appearing on any application or transfer of the license.

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The City Council of Chicago Heights passed an ordinance sometime ago restricting the number of liquor licenses to be issued in that city. He believes this ordinance limits liquor licenses to 70 in number, and he believes that there are now 80 to 85 outstanding licenses in the city. It is his impression that the city is trying to cut back the number of licenses by cancelling all licenses which have lapsed for six months or longer. The licenses permit the sale of drinks over the bar as well as package liquor sales. The fee is \$800 per year which is paid semi-annually. The value of a license has fluctuated radically over the period of years and during the period of the aforementioned transaction, the going price for a license varied from

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\$1,000 to \$8,000; the latter amount reportedly paid to [] for a license in the name of [] (phonetic). This license was sold to Scott Company in Chicago, Illinois, which company had planned to build an elaborate motel in the vicinity of 14th and State Streets, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This motel has never been built, and he does not know the disposition of this license.

He is not aware of the amount of money received by [] for his license, but he does know that [] owed his firm \$1,800 and that [] told him that he received a sum well over and above the amount [] owed the firm.

It is his opinion that [] acted as "middleman" in the transfer of [] license to Walgreen because "the Walgreen people were from out of town and were finding it very difficult to get a license." He believes the local political situation required the Walgreen people to contact someone with "political clout" before being able to obtain a license. It is common knowledge in the Chicago Heights area that [] is extremely close to FRANK LA PORTE, who is considered the man who "pulls strings to control the political powers in the Heights."

He was very much opposed to Walgreen getting a liquor license as were the COSTELLO family which operates a Chicago Heights distributing company. It was quite apparent that Walgreen would operate a "cut rate" store which would financially harm all other liquor dealers in the Chicago Heights area. JOSEPH COSTELLO, who he believes to be president of the Chicago Heights Distributing Company contacted him after learning of the fact Walgreen had obtained a license and expressed disapproval of this situation.

When asked specifically the identities of taverns in which [] has an interest, he advised that he could not name one specifically wherein [] was a party in interest.

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However, it was general knowledge around that city that [] is involved financially in various taverns about town. He does not know that he has seen [] in the Thomas Hotel bar which was reportedly owned by RALPH EMERY. [] presence at that bar was in such a manner as to indicate he was part of the management of the tavern.

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"BLACK MIKE" CONSTANBIL is related to CHARLES GRUPP, former mayor of Chicago Heights, who is now a member of the Cook County Commissions. The mayor of Chicago Heights is also the liquor commissioner and as such controls the issuance of liquor licenses. It is common knowledge that "BLACK MIKE" is closely associated with [] and LA PORTE. This association has extended over a great number of years, and he believes that during prohibition "BLACK MIKE" was an active bootlegger with the group of individuals under the control of "AL" CAPONE. Even though he considers "BLACK MIKE" to be one of the older statesmen in the syndicate controlling gambling and other illegal activities in the Chicago Heights area, he, "BLACK MIKE", was very belligerent relative to Walgreen getting a liquor license and was to his knowledge the only individual who seemed willing to criticize "the powers that be" relative to this and other matters which have displeased him.

His father, SAM PERRY, was a close friend of "JIM" EMERY, FRANCIS CURRY and others who were connected with gambling and bootlegging in the late 1920's and early 1930's. His father also was very closely associated with FRANK LA PORTE. His father was very active in Chicago Heights politics and operated the City Beverage Company prior to his death in February, 1956. His father was also acquainted with the D' GIOVANNI family. SAM D' GIOVANNI is retired and lives in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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He believes DOMINICK ROBERTS, who was deported to Italy a number of years ago, was very powerful during "prohibition days" in the Chicago Heights area. He believes DOMINICK to have been very powerful because he has often heard individuals, whom he has known to be connected with the bootlegging operation along with gambling and other illegal activities, comment that they were making a trip to the old country and were taking "shirts to DOMINICK."

His father used the name PERRY, however, his grandfather, who was born in Calibrese, Italy, used the name PERRI.

He considers [] to have been very powerful in Calumet City, Illinois, however, at this time "that city is dead." He is not a close associate of [] LA PORTE, [] or any other individual having a reputation of being involved in gambling and other illegal activities. He attempts to steer clear of any of these individuals and is quite successful in doing so. He does not know what [] source of income is other than the salary he receives as president of Local 5, but believes that [] derives most of his income from gambling activities. When he was informed that [] resigned as president of Local 5 in April, 1962, he commented that this surprised him and that to his knowledge the office of Local 5 is the only place where [] may be contacted. He also commented that he has observed [] frequently with [] and other people he believes to be with Local 5.

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CG T-4 advised on August 26, 1964, that [] who has previously been identified as owner of the Ace Bonding Company and burglar, continues to be active in organized criminal activity in South Cook County, Illinois. [] appears, according to the informant, to be in a different family than LA PORTE although he previously did associate with members of LA PORTE's organization. According to the informant, [] is presently operating with "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO in a multimillion dollar mortgage insurance fraud scheme. Informant advised that on approximately August 20, 1964, [] flew to St. Louis, Missouri, regarding this fraud. He advised that he is unable to determine the exact nature of the fraud but was told that it is something like the HOFFA operation. [] indicated that his scheme was to obtain mortgage loans for various large buildings, and after obtaining a finder's fee for his service, he would fail to deliver the mortgage commitment and the company could not collect the fees paid to []. The scheme also involves a situation where they will file a co-operative loan and borrow money for a building. The building will not be built and the proceeds of the loan will be split between the union leaders, [] and ALDERISIO. Informant advised that he can furnish no specific incidents where this scheme is being operated but knows that it is in various parts of the country because [] has at his disposal a 180 Commanche aircraft, which he believes may be stored at Midway Airport in Chicago.

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[redacted]
Cook County, Illinois

[redacted] has previously been identified as an associate of the subject and 'BABE' TUFFANELLI.

On June 29, 1964, an anonymous source telephonically advised that LA PORTE's gambling lieutenant in Blue Island, Illinois, "BABE" TUFFANELLI, owed him \$21 and would not pay him. The money was owed to him for unloading approximately 1,000 slot machines into a barn between 123rd and 127th Streets on Kedzie Avenue in Cook County, Illinois. Previous investigation by the Chicago Office has established that [redacted] doing business as Modern Movers, was observed at LA PORTE's Co-operative Music Company in Chicago Heights. It was determined that [redacted] previously resided at [redacted] but is presently living at [redacted]. Both properties are owned by [redacted]. Upon interview on July 1, 1964, [redacted] advised that he was the leasee of the property and had been for three weeks. He stated, "I will neither affirm nor deny that slot machines are in the barn - and they are not mine".

Agents observed a slot machine in an enclosure inside the barn. After considerable investigation, a search warrant was obtained by the Cook County States Attorney's Police based upon an FBI affidavit. The barn was thoroughly searched and 55 slot machines (known as one arm bandits) were confiscated. They appeared to be in good working order and Sergeant [redacted] of the States Attorney's Police, Gambling Unit, advised they have a minimum value of \$30,000.

As the machines were being removed from the barn [redacted] appeared and advised that he is the owner of the property. After a "heated" discussion with Sergeant [redacted] agreed to a search of [redacted] previous address at [redacted]

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In an old four car garage, five telephones and two desks were discovered. Sergeant [] was of the opinion that a bookmaking operation had previously been conducted on the premises.

Sergeant [] advised on July 10, 1964, that he had discovered that [] was the person who was storing the machines in the barn and that he had recently been told by LA PORTE to replace the machines or pay LA PORTE their value. Sergeant [] stated that [] was extremely worried over the loss of the machines and is making every effort to determine who tipped the "G".

It is noted that [] previously wanted the village of Merrionette Park, Illinois, to annex the 200 acres he owns at 125th and Kedzie in order that he could build a \$3,000,000 amusement park. Merrionette Park Trustee [] advised that he had received information that the park was to be a cover for gambling and prostitution activities which were to be moved from Calumet City since that area had been closed. [] advised that the village is having considerable difficulty with [], who has threatened to sue the village for various reasons. [] according to [] is able to cause a large amount of trouble because of his political connections in the area.

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FRANCIS JEROME CURRY
Western Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

On June 6, 1964, [redacted] was married in the Cathedral of St. Raymond Marfus, Joliet, Illinois, to [redacted] Joliet, Illinois. Approximately 200 guests attended the affair. Immediately following the wedding, a reception was held at D'Ameco's 214. Approximately 500 guests attended the reception. The following known Chicago area hoodlums were observed entering the restaurant and apparently expressing their congratulations to both the elder CURRY and the bridegroom:

FRANK LA PORTE
PAUL "THE WAITER" RICCA
MURRAY "THE CAMEL" HUMPHREYS
FELIX "MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO
ANTHONY "BIG TUNA" ACCARDO
LESTER "KILLER KANE" KRUSE

Chicago Heights hoodlum guests included:

FRANK FRANZE
PETER ZARANTI
SAM GERACI
SAM D'GIOVANNI

[redacted]
NICK COSTELLO
[redacted]

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Chief LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised on July 27, 1964, that at 2:09 AM five buildings, which formerly were operated as syndicate "strip joints" and restaurants, were completely destroyed by fire. Two others suffered

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fire and water damage of a lesser degree. All but the Little Club and a small restaurant were vacant at the time of the fire. Investigation by the Fire Department and the State's Fire Marshal's Office to date indicate that the fire was not arson and that it apparently was started by a transient "hobo" sleeping in one of the buildings and probably dropping a cigarette. The buildings involved were known as the Little Club, the Paddock Club, the Hula Hut, the Rainbow Club, the Samoa Restaurant, the Derby Club and the Zig Zag Club. All were formerly operated by the subject or his lieutenants. Most of them along with approximately 15 other strip joints were closed in 1961 by increased investigation by the FBI and local agencies.

Mayor JOSEPH NOVAK, Calumet City, Illinois, advised that he is familiar with most of the buildings that suffered loss in the fire and that it is his opinion that the owners of the buildings would have gained nothing by their destruction. He advised that they were all uninsured inasmuch as they had been vacant for nearly two years and that the city was making an effort to obtain destruction orders for the properties and they would have been torn down in the near future without the fire. He was of the opinion that the owners would have gained more from the condemnation of the buildings than they possibly could from any arson attempts.

Captain [] Cook County Sheriff's Police, Homewood, Illinois, advised on August 11, 1964, that the license for the High Hat Club near Chicago Heights was revoked on August 10, 1964 by the Cook County Board. The license was revoked because B-girls had solicited drinks at the club. He noted that the license had been suspended for ten days in 1963 on a similar charge. [] advised that it was his understanding that the High Hat was actually an operation of FRANK LA PORTE

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which was being run by [] a former associate of LA PORTE's in various Calumet City "strip joints".

CG T-7 advised on June 18, 1964, that FRANK LA PORTE's jukebox operation is a large one in that he has over 1500 licenses working out of the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights. Source stated that LA PORTE wants to sell the entire operation and that HY LARNER, formerly of the Crossroads Restaurant in Oak Forest, Illinois, is thinking of buying it. LARNER works for Chicago hoodlum GUS ALEX and has been buying up several jukebox companies in the past year or so.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

CG T-5 advised on July 27, 1964, that some hoodlums belonging to FRANK LA PORTE's organization and Judge LINDSEY of Robins, Illinois, are presently attempting to purchase an old apartment building in the Negro community of Robins and set up a house of prostitution. It will be known as "Sportsman's Paradise". Informant advised that it is to be staffed by ten to fifteen white girls and will cater to both white and Negro customers. Informant was asked if he wanted to contribute \$2,000 toward setting up the operation and that he could expect a \$5,000 return within one year. Informant advised that he turned down the proposition but advised that he would attempt to continue his association with the individual who made the offer in an effort to locate the exact address of the intended club.

Chief LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, advised that he recently arrested [] for operating a house of prostitution at his Plantation Club in Calumet City. He stated that he was able to revoke their liquor license for a seven day period but that it will re-open pending an appeal with the Illinois Liquor Control Board. LINKIEWICZ indicated

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that he had a very weak case and did not expect the revocation order to stand. He advised that he is making arrangements to secure the necessary monies to have an undercover officer go into the club and attempt to obtain additional evidence regarding the operation of the club. Chief advised that in his opinion the Plantation is the last illegal operation owned or controlled by FRANK LA PORTE in Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-6 advised on August 31, 1964, that [] operates several taverns in Calumet City, Illinois, and two B-girl joints in Thornton Township near Calumet City. [] recently indicated to him that FRANK LA PORTE was his friend and had a part of these taverns. Informant advised that [] wants to get out of the business but cannot do so without getting the okay of the syndicate. [] apparently wants to marry one of the bar maids at his Shey Club at Calumet City but is presently married to a woman whose family is connected with the outfit and he is afraid to make any effort toward a divorce.

CG T-3 advised on July 8, 1964 that he had a recent conversation with an Italian friend who resides in Chicago Heights, Illinois. This friend, who is familiar with some of the operations in Chicago Heights, indicated that his biggest complaint about his other Italian friends and relatives is the way they "fawn" over the syndicate. Informant indicated that the members of LA PORTE's gang are "very big at weddings and funerals" and indicated that it is their way of soothing their own conscience. He gave an example as the recent funeral for [] a young boy who drowned in Indiana and was actually no relation to [] uncle, AL ROSETTI, appeared at the funeral and gave the boy's mother \$2,500 in cash and stated it was a gift from "the boys". ROSETTI has previously been identified as an associate and former muscle man for LA PORTE.

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Informant advised that FRANK stressed the point that some of the Chicago Heights Italians are not connected with "the boys" even when they are sometimes related to them, however, they maintain strict silence about the operations of the boys. Informant advised that FRANK also was positive that if an individual is employed at one of their legitimate business establishments that he can expect that he also does extra jobs which do not fall into legitimate business patterns. He advised that most Italians in Chicago Heights were scared of the outfit and yet because of their ruthlessness there was a certain amount of admiration for them also.

This individual further advised informant that Father [redacted] (phonetic), the parish priest of San Rocco's Church, seems to have an unusual amount of admiration for "the boys" and freely accepts all gifts from LA PORTE, the COSTELLO's, the PILOTTOS and other hoodlum families in Chicago Heights. This has caused several good Italians to wonder about the father's purpose. Informant further advised that he was told that there are meetings of the hoodlums held on Thursday at Cipriani's Restaurant in the Heights and that another hangout used to be the G&G on 16th Street. He was also told that the Astec and the Dixie Governor Motels were controlled to a certain extent by the outfit. According to the informant's source, DOMINIC ROBERTS, who was deported to Italy several years ago, is still a big man because someone from the Chicago Heights area travels to Italy every six months "with a big money belt". The money supposedly comes from the Rod Carriers Union in Chicago Heights.

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He advised that the outfit operates in Kankakee, Illinois, and the man in that area is [redacted] a close relative of MAURINO RICHTON the present mayor of Chicago Heights. The local Kankakee Police are

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in cahoots with [] This source advised that there is some talk around Chicago Heights that the outfit wants to kill RICHTON but cannot afford it. This source was of the opinion that RICHTON previously cooperated with them when he was in the Illinois House of Representatives but has since discontinued the association and has made loads of enemies because of it.

Chief of Detectives AL SAUTER advised on August 27, 1964, that []

[] a young group of Chicago Heights hoodlums, were recently in Kankakee, Illinois, attempting to start up a bookie joint and were observed making bets on the street until the police chased them out of town.

Chief LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, advised that under the new court system in Illinois, Judge GARRITY has been transferred to the district covering Melrose Park, Illinois. He was told by "insiders" that \$500 was the minimum "price" for fixing a drunken driving charge and that he should not try to fix any cases involving syndicate hoodlums because "G" would expose him. LINKIEWICZ indicated that GARRITY would not be susceptible to a bribe of any type otherwise he would never have discontinued the above.

Lieutenant [] National Academy, Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department, advised until recently a large bookie operation was operating from 9700 South Central Avenue in Oak Lawn. The operation recently moved to 6725 Stony Island Avenue in Chicago because of the "heat" created by his department. Lieutenant [] stated that he was unable to make an arrest but that the subject who operated at the above location sold his interest in the matter and moved back to Chicago where he could be afforded more protection. [] was the individual who controlled the operation along with [] who is a well known gambler in Chicago.

CG T-8 advised on July 22, 1964 that the largest gambling operation in the suburban area of South Chicago

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is now being operated on the southwest corner of US 30 and Harlem Avenue. Informant advised that he has not personally been into the game but understands that it is operated by Chicago Heights hoodlums and consists of poker and craps. Investigation and inquiries disclose that the Arch Inn is located at the above area and is located in Will County, Illinois.

[redacted] Harvey, Illinois, advised that [redacted] a "bum" who works for LA PORTE, recently made the statement that in view of the recent race disorders in Dixmoor and Harvey, Illinois, the hoodlums in Chicago Heights have identified the Negro leaders in that area and that if it appears there is to be any disorder the hoods will grab the leaders and "take them for a ride". KING advised that he does not consider [redacted] of sufficient stature in the outfit to be speaking from fact and that he probably is saying this as a method of bragging.

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CG T-9 advised that [redacted] [redacted] Sauk Village, Illinois, has had two prostitutes working for him for approximately two years. Since Calumet City has been closed, his prostitutes work in Gary, Indiana, and each girl makes approximately \$300 a week. Informant advised that [redacted] following the bank robbery of the First Bank of Harvey, took the money gained in the robbery and exchanged it for different money through FRANK LA PORTE. The individuals who committed the robbery felt that the bills were marked and, therefore, were willing to discount part of the loot in order to obtain unmarked money from LA PORTE. Informant advised that LA PORTE has contacts which allow him to dispose of any marked money in a foreign country. Informant stated that hoodlums in Chicago Heights are not worried about MARK WILLIAM ORLICK, the Chief at Chicago Heights, because they still control Chief of Detectives CECIL HARTMAN who continues to furnish them information regarding the activities of the police and other law enforcement agencies. Informant advised that she does not know if

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the chief is on the "take" but does know that his police officers never tell him what is going on in the city. The smaller thieves and burglars who are not connected with the outfit are extremely concerned with the chief and mayor because he is forcing the police to make arrests and the mayor is only doing business with people who have money and is making it very rough on the "little people" in order to appear that he is reforming the city. Informant further advised that [redacted] who lives around [redacted] [redacted] in Chicago, is a "juice man" for the outfit. [redacted] has a wife or sister who works as a clerk or bailiff in Sheriff RICHARD OGILVIE's office.

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Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	Report of Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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CG T-1 is an investigative technique utilized
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CG T-2 is an individual who has some knowledge
of the operation of the Chicago Heights Clinic.

CG T-3 is an individual who has knowledge of
the subject's activities in the neighborhood of his
residence.

CG T-4 is an individual who is associated with
the criminal element in south suburban Cook County.

CG T-5 is an individual who is associated with
the gambling elements in southern Cook County.

CG T-6 is an individual who has knowledge of
some of the operations of Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-7 is an individual who is familiar with
certain criminal activities on the south side of Chicago.

CG T-8 is an individual who is closely associated
with criminal elements in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

CG T-9 is an individual who is in a position to
obtain information regarding some of the gambling operations
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Efforts are continuing to be made to install misur coverage at Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, by the Chicago Office. However, this work has not been completed to date and is pending because of security reasons. This work will be completed at the earliest date when security will provide.

The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments in this matter.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File: 92-5793
See Also: 63-5130
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Date: October 20, 1964

Subject: Frank LaPorte

Date Searched: 4/16/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

~~Frank LaPorte~~
~~Frank Lane~~
~~Frank LaPort~~
~~Frankie LaPort~~
~~Frankie LaPorte~~

~~Frank Lipperetto~~
~~Frank Lipporette~~
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~~Frank Port~~
~~Frankie Port~~
~~Frank Porte~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

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Add. info.....Additional information appearing
in this reference which pertains
to Frank LaPorte may be found in
the main file or elsewhere in this
summary.

During June, 1946, Frank LaPorte was in California and he attempted to contact Tony Accardo at his home in River Forest, Ill., but learned that Accardo was in Florida at that time. (CGO-5633 and CGO-5634)

Referral/Direct

It was noted that under the heading "Personal History and Background," [REDACTED]

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Chicago report dated 10/23/46 captioned "Reactivation Of The Capone Gang; Miscellaneous Information, Crime Survey" reported the following information under the sub-heading "Slot Machine Setup, Cook County." R. B. Thomas, vice president of the Otto-Canedy Manufacturing Co., Chicago Heights, Ill., advised that it was a well known fact in Chicago Heights that Babe Tuffanelli was in strong politically in Blue Island, Ill., and for that reason was able to obtain the juke box concession in that area. Thomas indicated that Tuffanelli was a close associate of Frankie LaPort, who resided on West 21st Street, exact address unknown. Thomas stated that LaPort had never worked a day in his life and was probably engaged in some illegal activity.

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The General Crime Survey of the Chicago Division dated 4/15/57, for the period 4/15/46 to 4/15/47, reported the following information concerning Frank LaPorte. LaPorte controlled all of the juke box business in and around the Chicago Heights, Ill., area. LaPorte was associated with Joe Guzzino, Joe Barrett and Jimmie Emery. All of these men had operated houses of prostitution in sections of the midwest in the past but there had been no houses of prostitution in Chicago Heights for several years. LaPorte also ran a small grocery store in Chicago Heights.

Sources not given

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Chicago report dated 5/26/47 captioned [redacted] NSPA" indicated that [redacted] was in communication from his office at 29 East Madison St., Chicago, telephone no. DEArborn 0188, with the subscriber to Chicago Heights number 598 on Jan. 30 and Feb. 19, 1947, according to the [redacted] (protect identity).

The Resident Agent at Joliet, Ill., ascertained that Chicago Heights 598 was registered to one [redacted] who operated a jewelry store at 67 Illinois St., Victoria Hotel Bldg., Chicago Heights, Ill.

According to the Chicago Credit Bureau records, [redacted] was in the retail jewelry trade and he carried on a business with the old time mobsters such as Jimmie Emery, Frank LaPorte and Joe Barrett.

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The General Crime Survey of the Chicago Division (62-75147-9) dated 10/15/47 for the period 4/15/47 to 10/15/47 reported the following information. At Chicago Heights, Ill., a number of Italian hoodlums apparently controlled slot machines, pinball machines and any prostitution activities that were permitted. These men were Frank LaPorte, Joe Guzzino, Joe Barrett and Jimmy Emery. These persons were still in the Chicago Heights area. Joe Barrett was interviewed and he admitted his friendship with the other persons mentioned above. Barrett confirmed the information that LaPorte had the juke box concession in that area and that Guzzino was apparently associated with him. Officer [redacted] (NA) believed that all the above persons were tied in with Walter Mackler, chairman of the Republican organization of Chicago Heights and that another strong cog in this alliance was Captain [redacted] of the Chicago Heights Police Dept. [redacted] was described by [redacted] and Chief of Police Joseph Dineen of the Flossmore, Ill., Police Dept., as the go-between man for politicians and racketeers of southern Cook County. [redacted] was friendly with LaPorte, Barrett, Emery and Guzzino, most of whom he grew up with in Chicago Heights.

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Chicago report dated 2/17/48 captioned "Louis Campagna, was, Et Al; Bribery, Parole Matters" indicated that the USA at Chicago had requested the facts showing the association between Francis J. Curry and [] (not identified) and any of the other subject parolees.

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It was noted that Curry owned a farm near Crete, Ill., which was apparently managed by Frank LaPorte of Chicago Heights, Ill. It was also noted that apparently LaPorte was the "king pin" politician in the Chicago Heights area.

Interviews of numerous persons on farms and also in the localities of Crete, Beecher, Monee, and Chicago Heights, Ill., resulted in the following information concerning LaPorte:

LaPorte was a close personal friend of Curry.
LaPorte owned farms near Crete and Monee.
LaPorte was a moonshiner in prohibition times.
LaPorte was interested in the distribution of jukeboxes and slot machines, ran a pool hall and gambling joints and owned the Cooperative Music Co. in Chicago Heights.
LaPorte was married in 1943 while stationed at the Glenview Naval Training Station, Glenview, Ill.
LaPorte had resided in the back of a grocery store operated by his sister at 412 East 22nd St., Chicago Heights and his father had been shot in a gang war in 1933.

58-2000-1039 p.1,20-24,34
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The General Crime Survey of the Chicago Division (62-75147-9) dated 4/15/48 for the period 10/15/47 to 4/15/48 reported the following information. Frank LaPorte was listed among several racketeers and mobsters who still resided in Chicago Heights, Ill. Frank LaPort was the most active partner in the Cooperative Music Co. which rented juke boxes. LaPorte's partners in this venture included Francis Curry, Pete Zarante, Mike Roberts, Louis Emery and George Emery. According to the statement of this company, the total profits for 1947 were \$13,850.03. None of the above individuals had ever been arrested by the Chicago Heights Police Dept. In regard to political tie-ups with organized crime it was noted that Captain John Costabile, who set the policy of the Chicago Heights Police Dept., was still seen frequently in the company of LaPorte, Joe Guzzino and Joe Barrett.

62-75147-9-72 enc1. p.25A,234,235
(4)

The General Crime Survey of the Chicago Division (62-75147-9) dated 10/15/48 for the period 4/15/48 to 10/15/48 reported the following information. Frank LaPorte was listed among the racketeers and mobsters of notorious stature who were mentioned in previous crime reports and who continued to reside in Chicago Heights, Ill. LaPorte was considered to have a strong position in the syndicate in that area and he was still active in the Cooperative Music Co. which rented out juke boxes. Under the sub-heading "Political Tie-ups With Organized Crime" it was reported that Captain [redacted] continued to be the main power of the Chicago Heights Police Dept. It was noted that [redacted] was frequently with the more notorious individuals mentioned above.

62-75147-9-75 encl. p.20,193

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SI 62-75147-9-79 encl. p.24,217

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SI 62-75147-9-80 encl. p.29,252,253

(4)(10/15/49)

SI 62-75147-9-88 encl. p.108

(4)(7/15/50)

SI 62-75147-9-91 encl. p.143,144

(4)(1/15/51)

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Chicago letter dated 1/31/51 captioned "Joseph Barrett, was; Confidential Criminal Informant [redacted] reported that this informant was associated with Frank LaPorte, a well known hoodlum in the Chicago area.

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66-17628-1 p.3,5

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A report of the "General Crime Conditions within Chicago Division" for the period 1/15/51 to 12/15/51 indicated that there was a juke box concern at 1722 or 1724 Halsted St., Chicago Heights, which was operated by Frankie LaPorte. LaPorte was a partner of Jimmy Emery and both were alleged to have syndicate connections and were believed to have charge of slot machines in the Chicago Heights-Calumet City area.

[redacted] special agent for Dun and Bradstreet, advised that in Calumet City the Club Hollywood and the Post and Paddock were operated respectively by Frank LaPorte and Jim Emery who were reported syndicate members.

62-75147-9-99 encl. p. 58,97
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A report of the "General Crime Conditions within the Chicago Division" for the period 12/15/51 to 6/15/52 indicated that [redacted] of the Chicago Heights Police Department, furnished the following information. The Co-operative Music Company, located at 1724 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, was operated by James Emery and Frank La Porte. Emery and La Porte were members of the syndicate which was operating in Chicago Heights and Calumet City. Through the Co-operative Music Company, these men handled juke boxes, cigarette machines, racing sheets, horse racing and slot machines. This place was a hangout for gamblers and sheet writers of the syndicate. It was also reported that assistant chief of police [redacted] of Chicago Heights, was on very friendly terms with James Emery and Frank LaPorte.

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62-75147-9-109 encl. p. 114,115
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A report of the "General Crime Conditions within Chicago Division" for the period 6/15/52 to 12/15/52 indicated that officers

[redacted] of the Chicago Heights Police Dept. furnished the following information. The Cooperative Music Co., which was originally located at 1724 South Halsted St., had moved to a place two doors south of its original location. This company was still operated by James Emery and Frank LaPorte. Emery and LaPorte were still connected with the alleged syndicate in the Chicago Heights and Calumet City area. Through the music company they handled juke boxes, cigarette machines, racing sheets, horse racing and slot machines.

62-75147-9-116 encl. p.120
(5)

Chicago report dated 2/11/53 captioned "Bookmaking And Race Wire Service Activities; Special Survey; Research Matters" set out detailed information concerning the gambling operations of Frank LaPorte in Calumet City, Chicago Heights and Steger, Ill., according to [redacted] of the Calumet City PD (protect identity) and officer [redacted] of the Chicago Heights PD.

62-98784-123 p.90,91
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A report of the "General Crime Conditions Within Chicago Division" for the period 12/15/52 to 6/15/53 set out the following information. On 12/15/52 Francis J. Curry, 516 Western Ave., Joliet, Ill., advised that he owned the Cooperative Music Co., Joliet, on a partnership basis with several other persons, one of whom was Frank LaPorte.

Americo Amadio, 789 Forsythe, Calumet City, Ill., was financially interested in "21" Club with Frank LaPorte. Anthony Franze was married to the daughter of Frank LaPorte. It was believed that Franze would succeed LaPorte in managing the syndicate operation in Calumet City. Franze had an interest in the Club Ron-Da-Voo, 100 West State St., Calumet City. LaPorte also had a financial interest in the Ron-Da-Voo. Frank LaPorte, LaPorte Farms, Beecher, Ill., was described as white, male, approximate age 35. LaPorte was reportedly the overseer of syndicate operations in Calumet City. LaPorte was immediately responsible to syndicate chief Jim Emery. Alfred Pilotto, Calumet City, was reported to be a body guard and chauffeur for LaPorte. [redacted] Calumet City, and [redacted] a former policeman of Calumet City)

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[redacted] also advised that Frankie LaPorte was a contact man for Jake Guzik and Anthony Accardo. Dominic Palermo was reported to be associated with the syndicate in Calumet City through LaPorte.

62-75147-9-122 p.41,56,60,63,64,
(5,15) 99,100,172,173

A report of the "General Crime Conditions Within the Chicago Division" for the period 6/15/53 to 12/15/53 set out the following information. The Cooperative Music Co., 1728 South Halsted St., Chicago Heights, Ill., was operated by James Emery and Frank LaPorte. Through the music company they obtained juke boxes, cigarette machines, and racing sheets for horse races. Emery and LaPorte were still connected with the alleged syndicate and they also had connections in the Chicago Heights and Calumet City area. b6 b7C

LaPorte was interviewed and advised that he had an interest in the above music company. LaPorte and Emery controlled all juke box machines in the Chicago Heights and Calumet City area.

[redacted] of the Internal Revenue Dept. advised that Joseph Guzzino was a body guard for LaPorte and Emery.

Chief Philip Howard and assistant chief John Constabile of the Chicago Heights Police Dept. were very good friends with several persons in Chicago Heights including LaPorte and Emery.

62-75147-9-124 encl. p.58,59
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The Club Ron-Da-Voo, 102 State St., Calumet City, Ill., was owned by Frankie LaPorte, who was the contact man for Jake Guzik (62-74665), according to Captain Ray Malik (NA) of the Calumet City, Ill., Police Dept.

This information was submitted by Chicago letter dated 3/16/54.

62-74665-8
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A report of the "General Crime Conditions Within the Chicago Division" for the period 12/15/53 to 6/15/54 indicated that the Cooperative Music Co., 1728 South Halsted St., Chicago Heights, was still being operated by James Emery and Frank LaPorte. Through the music company they obtained juke boxes, cigarette machines, and racing sheets for horse races. Emery and LaPorte were still connected with the alleged syndicate and also had connections in the Chicago Heights and Calumet City area. Joseph Guzzino, who had been known in the past to operate gambling places in Calumet City, was a bodyguard for LaPorte and Emery.

Anthony Franz was the son-in-law of LaPorte and Franz operated the Club Rendezvous in Calumet City.

Al Rossino was a known muscle man for Emery and LaPorte in Calumet City.

Chief Philip Howard and assistant chief John Constabile of the Chicago Heights Police Dept. were friendly with several persons including LaPorte.

The pinball machines in the Chicago Heights area were operated by LaPorte.

62-75147-9-127 p.104,105,109

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SI 62-75147-9-132 encl. p.98,99,100,102

(5/6/15/54 to 12/15/54)

Chicago letter dated 9/27/55 captioned "Samuel Giancana, was; GIIF (Top Hoodlum Coverage)" indicated that [redacted] (NA), Scotland Yard Detail, Chicago PD, advised that Giancana was assuming a major role among Chicago hoodlums. At the wake of his father, Anthony Giancana, at the Cermak Funeral Home, Cicero, Ill., on 7/29/54, Samuel Giancana was visited by several hoodlums, including Frank LaPorte, and Giancana sat with them in Joe Corrigo's cocktail lounge near the funeral home. b6 b7C

63-735-5 p.1

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A copy of a report entitled "The Juke Box Racket" dated Sept. 1954 by Virgil W. Peterson, operating director, Chicago Crime Commission, contained the following information. In March 1948 Francis J. Curry, 516 Western Ave., Joliet, Ill., testified before the Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, US House of Representatives. Curry admitted that he had an interest in a juke box operating business in the southern part of Cook County and the eastern part of Will County. Curry said that his partner in this business was "a man named Frank LaPorte." Curry admitted there were other partners besides Frank LaPorte but Curry was not aware of their identities.

The above report noted that it was quite possible that Curry and LaPorte were associated with Leahm Kelly's Coin Machine Service Co. and the Kelly Automatic Music Co. in Joliet. LaPorte had long been affiliated with the Capone gang. In fact, for a number of years LaPorte was a partner of Hindu Imburgio and Tony Accardo in the operation of a notorious gambling joint called the Owl Club in Calumet City, Ill. Calumet City had long been a Capone gang stronghold and it was also noted that such Capone gangsters as Tony Accardo and Frank LaPorte had operated flourishing gambling joints in this vice resort of Cook County.

(Above report enclosed)
62-99197-9-26 encl. p.104,129
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On 5/30/55 Louis Campagna (63-588) died of a heart attack while fishing off the coast of Florida and his wake was held in the mortuary at 2921 South Harlem Ave., Berwyn, Ill. The "Chicago Tribune" of 6/2/55 listed Frank LaPorte among members of the heirarchy of the underworld who attended the wake of Campagna.

63-588-5 p.1
(60)

A report on the "General Crime Conditions Within The Chicago Division" for the period 12/15/54 to 6/15/55 set out the following information. The "Chicago Daily News" dated 6/3/55 described the activities of Frank LaPorte, wa., Frank Lipperetto, and his alleged association with the Capone mobsters in the Chicago area. The Co-operative Music Company, 1728 South Halsted St., Chicago Heights, was operated by James Emery and LaPorte who were connected with the alleged syndicate. Joseph Guzzino was the body guard for Emery and LaPorte. L. Rossino was a former muscleman for Emery and LaPorte in Calumet City. Anthony Franze, the son-in-law of LaPorte, was operating the Tower Lunch at Chicago Heights. LaPorte was listed among several persons who were friendly with chief of police Philip Howard of Chicago Heights. It was noted that in the Chicago Heights resident agency the pinball machines were operated by LaPorte.

62-75147-9-144 encl. p.39,41,42,130,
(5,16) 131,132,136

The "Chicago Tribune" 11/18/56, p. 32, in an article captioned "Tony Accardo Lives It Up" listed Frank LaPorte, partner of Accardo in the Owl club, among those identified at Accardo's July 4 celebrations in 1954 and 1955, at Accardo's estate, 915 Franklin Ave., River Forest, Ill.

63-619-A "Chicago Tribune" 11/18/56
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The "Chicago Tribune" 1/12/56 reported that Tony Accardo and Frank LaPorte, who was Accardo's partner in the operation of the Owl Club, Calumet City Gambling House, had been granted a reopening of the income tax deficiency cases pending against them in the US Tax Court.

63-619-9 p.3
(6)

A report on the "General Crime Conditions Within the Chicago Division" for the period 12/15/55 to 6/15/56 set out the following information. The Cooperative Music Co. in Chicago Heights was still operated by James Emery and Frank LaPorte. It was noted that Emery and LaPorte had connections with the alleged syndicate as well as connections in the Chicago Heights and Calumet City areas. [redacted] Chicago PCI, reported that some slot machines were being operated in the Chicago Heights saloons and these machines belonged to LaPorte.

62-75147-9-147 encl. p. 118,126
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A report on the "General Crime Conditions Within the Chicago Division" for the period 6/15/56 to 12/15/56 set out the following information. [redacted] a Chicago PCI, advised that Frank Luzi, a son-in-law of Frank LaPorte, was in the bail bond business and [redacted] believed that they intended to take over the bonding and currency exchange in the Calumet City and Chicago Heights areas.

An article in the "Hammond Times" dated 7/23/56 reported that the Government was seeking an income deficiency from "Tony Arcado, Crime Syndicate Leader," and LaPorte for their operation of the Owl Club in Calumet City.

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62-75147-9-148 encl. p. 37,110,111,115
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A memo from AAG Rufus D. McLean, Criminal Division, dated 1/31/58, captioned "Criminal Syndicate, Chicago, Ill.," requested information concerning the above syndicate. Frank LaPorte was included in a list of names of individuals mentioned in Criminal Division files in connection with the syndicate.

62-75147-9-182 encl. p.1
(59)

The "Chicago Sun Times" of 4/24/58 reported that USA Robert Tieken had drawn up a "Who's Who of Hoodlums" in Chicago. According to Tieken, gambling in Cook County had its separate leadership with Joseph P. Glimco as county chief of juke boxes, pinball and cigarette machines. Frank LaPorte was listed among the Glimco underlings.

63-4296-9-96 p.2
(60)

Bureau memo dated 11/26/58 captioned "Edward D. Vogel, Et Al.; Missing Witnesses, Senate Select Committee On Improper Activities In The Labor Or Management Field" concerned a request of the chief counsel of the above committee. On 11/25/58 the committee requested Bureau assistance in the location of three witnesses in the Chicago area who had been involved in labor racketeering matters. Frank LaPorte was listed among these witnesses.

62-103771-1341
(61)

A PCI of the Chicago Division advised that the Owl Club in Calumet City, which was owned by some of Chicago's top hoodlums, was ceasing its operations and moving to 12880 South Ashland Ave., just south of Calumet Park, Ill., where it would be known as The Corral. This club was to be operated by Tony Franze who was Frankie LaPorte's nephew. Frankie LaPorte was the alleged czar of gambling in "South County." The new location for the club was within the County jurisdiction and on 1/12/59 it was observed in operation by a Chicago Agent.

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The "Chicago Daily News" on 1/13/59 reported that a Special Federal Grand Jury would be impaneled on 1/26/59 to hear testimony concerning the crime syndicate in the Chicago area. Frank LaPorte, South Cook County gambling czar, was listed among the targets of the above probe according to a Special AAG who had been appointed to lead the investigation.

63-4296-9-281 p. 3,4
(6)

Anthony DeLordo was included in a list of suspected Mafia (100-42303) adherents in the Chicago area as of 1950 according to the records of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, Washington, D.C. (protect identity).

It was noted that in 1948 DeLordo and Ralph LaPorte (deceased), brother of Frank LaPorte, Chicago Heights hoodlum, were responsible for deliberately setting fire to a building in Miami, Fla. (Source not given)

On 3/24/59 [] advised that James Emery (deceased) was associated with the crime syndicate in Chicago Heights over the years and was associated with hoodlums such as Francis Curry of Joliet, Ill., Frank LaPorte, Joe Guzzino, and others.

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100-42303-533 p. 18,30
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Chicago report dated 7/9/59 captioned "MAFIA; Information Concerning" (100-42303) listed Anthony Bello, aka, Phil Bacino, among several suspected Mafia adherents according to the Federal Narcotics Bureau, Washington, D.C. (protect identity).

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According to [] for many years Bacino was the big boss of gambling and vice in Calumet City, Ill., and everyone took orders from him. It was indicated that Bacino was now subservient to Frank LaPorte a Chicago Heights hoodlum who was associated with the "syndicate" or "outfit."

A parenthetical note indicated that LaPorte was the operator of the Owl Club and the former partner of Anthony Accardo and Jake Guzik.

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100-42303-708 p.3,11
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On 9/15/61 [] clerk, Dun and Bradstreet, 300 W. Adams St., Chicago (protect identity) furnished a report of that company dated 11/2/60 which concerned the Co-operative Music Co., of Chicago Heights. This company leased coin operated phonographs in Cook County and Will County and it operated as a partnership under Frank Franze with Frank LaPorte and George Tuffenelli as silent partners. Franze was the brother-in-law of LaPorte and Tuffanelli had leased these machines in the Blue Island area for the last 15 years. LaPorte, age 54 in 1960, had been a partner with James Emory in operating slot machines in southern Cook County. LaPorte was also a partner with one Hohn Perry, who operated a gambling house in Calumet City. LaPorte was the owner of the Owl Club in Calumet City and was reported to be a Capone syndicate hoodlum. LaPorte was believed to have investments in taverns, restaurants, liquor stores and supermarkets which were licensed in the names of other persons rather than LaPorte. In 1936 the Emory Gasoline Station, 1643 East End Ave., Chicago Heights, Ill., was believed to have been a front for a house of prostitution operated by Emory and LaPorte.

92-5231-5 p.1-3
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On 2/8/61 PCI [] whose identity should be protected, reported the following information. [] was the head of the second largest Schlitz Beer distributing company in the Chicago and Cicero areas. This firm was known as the "Frederick Associated, Inc.," 5959 South Lowe Ave., Chicago. This company was owned by the "Fredericks brothers" until about a year previously. At that time the "Fredericks brothers" owed the "outfit" about \$500,000 in gambling debts. In order to pay this money the "Fredericks brothers" were forced to relinquish control of this company and Geocar is was placed in charge of the company. Frank LaPorte, Chicago "outfit" hoodlum, negotiated the deal with the "Fredericks brothers" whereby [] took charge of the company's operations for the "outfit."

63-0-9317 p. 2
(64)

Chicago report dated 3/6/61 captioned "Criminal Influence In Local No. 5, International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union, Chicago Heights, Illinois; Anti-Racketeering" indicated that Alfred J. Pilotto was the president of this union. Frank LaPorte was listed among the associates of Pilotto and detailed information was reported concerning the criminal activities of LaPorte. LaPorte was described as an associate of the members of the "Chicago syndicate" and as such LaPorte was responsible for the operation of Cook County including Chicago Heights, Calumet City and Calumet Park, Ill.

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92-5231-1 p. C,E,F,1,3,6,7,8,10,11
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Chicago report dated 1/11/62 captioned "Gambling Conditions, Chicago Area; LGA" included information concerning the crap game known generally in Chicago as the "Big Game." According to [] Frank LaPorte began appearing at this game and it was suspected, due to his regularity, that this prominent criminal also received benefits from the gross proceeds of this game. The organizational setup of gambling in Cook County was broken down into districts and sections. Under the heading of "South" it was reported that information received from [] and [] indicated that LaPorte was the leading underworld figure in control of gambling activities with his main responsibility the Chicago Heights, Calumet City and Southern Cook County area. Together with LaPorte in this general area was his top lieutenant Al Pilotto.

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162-786-3 p. 79,82,83,228
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"The Chicago American" 2/12/62, p. 5, in an article captioned "Lady Luck Runs Out for Gamblers Here," reported the results of an anti-gambling crusade in the Chicago area. This article listed several gambling establishments which had been closed and included the Corral Club in Calumet Park, run by Frankie LaPorte, the syndicate's south side gambling chief.

162-1-9-A "The Chicago American"
(13) 2/12/62

On 7/6/62 [] advised that [] was the payoff man or agent on contract bids of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago or for any city department. [] was a close friend of several persons including Frank LaPorte.

[] had described LaPorte as boss of illegal activities in southwestern Cook County.

60-5739-112
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Chicago letter dated 7/11/62 captioned [] ITWI" reported that it was believed that this investigation should be continued in view of the fact that [] was operating in territory believed to be controlled by Chicago top hoodlum Frank LaPorte and that [] was assuming responsibility for Tuffenelli's activities.

165-596-6
(10)

Correlator's Note: Serial 5 of the above file reported that [] and George "Babe" Tuffenelli had been active in gambling activities in the Blue Island, Ill., area.

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Chicago letter dated 7/13/62 captioned "Charles Francis Kirgis; Ernest J. Jones, Acorn Club, Steger, Illinois; ITWI" reported that there had been no indication that the gambling operations of Kirgis in South Cook County and Will County, Ill., had any interstate activities upon which prosecution could be based. It was noted that this matter would receive investigative attention in view of its nature and its close proximity to the control of Chicago top hoodlum Frank LaPorte and possibly Francis Curry, who operated in the Joliet area.

165-598-7
(10)

Chicago letter dated 10/23/62 captioned [redacted] reported the following information concerning Frank LaPorte which was received from this informant:

One Toots Palermo was an associate of LaPorte.

Frank Sorrentino a recent victim of a gangland slaying in Chicago Heights, Frank LaPorte's territory, was killed or caused to be killed by [redacted]

Numerous hoodlums in LaPorte's territory were expected to attend the wedding of a son of Frank Franz who was a lieutenant of LaPorte.

Gus Rubino was supposed to be shot because he muscled in on the bail bond business of Frank Luzi, front man for LaPorte, and also because Rubino was supposed to owe money to Gus Alex of Chicago.

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Gus Rubino, who had been fighting with LaPorte's operation, was the head man behind the ring of telephone coin box individuals who were recently apprehended in Chicago.

It was also indicated that this informant had furnished information (not described) concerning the case of LaPorte, Chicago file 92-920, on the following dates: 9/18/62, 9/19/62, Sept. 23-29, 1962, Sept. 30 through Oct. 6, 1962.

[redacted] p.2-5,8,10
(10)

Chicago report dated 2/6/63 captioned "Strip Shows; AR" indicated that in Nov. and Dec. 1962 CG 6613-C furnished information concerning the owners of Chicago strip shows. The following item was included in a list of these shows: "The Show Lounge, formerly the Red Fence at 142nd and Wood. Dixmoor, is a Calumet City operation owned by Frank LaPorte. A [] used to work the floor but the place is now operated by Frank (LNU)."

92-6470-1 p.19
(99)

NY report dated 7/1/63 captioned "La Cosa Nostra, aka; AR-Conspiracy" indicated that the Chicago criminal organization was under Samuel M. Giancana. Frank LaPorte was included in a list of the most likely members of the Chicago "family." (Source not given)

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92-6054-324 p.102
(99)

Bureau memo dated 8/1/63 captioned [] ITGD" reported that [] a former employee of Cohn, claimed that [] possessed 300 slot machines some of which allegedly were transported interstate. [] stated that the machines were stored in a warehouse owned by [] in Joliet, Ill. [] operated the Alco Steel Service and the Iron and Metal Co., 525 Rowell St., Joliet. It was believed that Frank LaPorte, a Chicago hoodlum, might be the true owner but Chicago had no information to positively tie LaPorte in with these machines. It was noted that the USA had authorized a search warrant which Chicago planned to execute the next day.

143-760-1
(103)

Chicago teletype dated 8/2/63 captioned [redacted] aka; ITGD" reported that a search warrant, issued by the USA at Chicago, was executed at 2 PM at the premises of the Alco Steel Service, 525 Rowell St., Joliet, Ill. Nineteen slot machines, twenty-five electronic slot machines, as well as machine mechanisms, parts and keys, valued at \$50,000, were found on these premises. A packing case with slot machine parts disclosed a shipping label from World Wide Distributors in Chicago to Automatic Coin in Joliet, Ill. It was noted that World Wide was reported to be an enterprise of Sam Giancana and Automatic Coin was reported to be a Frank LaPorte interest.

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[redacted] owner of Alco Steel admitted knowing Francis Curry and Cohn admitted partnership with [redacted] in the A and A Demolition Co. It was noted that Curry was regarded as the former slot machine king in Joliet area who was closely associated with LaPorte, boss of vice and gambling in Southeastern Cook County. It was noted that [redacted] was known to be an underling of "Babe" Tuffanelli, gambling boss in Blue Island area for LaPorte. [redacted] was extremely nervous when questioned about LaPorte and denied any connection with LaPorte. It was noted that investigation was continuing for possible violation of ITGD statute.

143-760-4 F.2,3
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Correlator's Note: Serial 12 of the above file reported that on 12/22/63 the AUSA in Chicago suggested that no additional investigation be conducted in this matter.

The following references in the main file captioned "Top Hoodlum Program" reported the criminal activities of Frank LaPorte in regard to gambling and vice in the Chicago area. According to these references LaPorte was the "syndicate" leader in southern Cook County who was the boss of gambling and vice in that area.

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245 p.13	(2)✓
340 p.6	(11)✓
398 p.7,8,10,11,14	(2,11)✓
419 p.3	(2)✓
433 p.2,3	(11)✓
434 p.8	(2)✓
480 p.3,4,5	(11)✓
498 p.1,6	(3)✓
526 p.10,12	(3)✓
529 p.10,11,13,14,16-24,26, 27	(3,11)✓
561 p.1,3,4	(3)✓
595 p.4,9	(3)✓
746 p.3	(12)✓
801 p.1	(12)✓
824 p.7	(3)✓
1004 p.21,25,26,31	(3)✓
1136 encl. p.33	(3)✓
1163 encl. p.36	(3)✓
A "Chicago Sun-Times" 5/6/58	(3)✓
62-9-21-144 p.59	(3)✓
278 p.3,38	(3)✓
317 p.4	(4)✓

The following references appear in the main files of the individuals listed below, who were referred to as members of the "syndicate" or top hoodlums in the Chicago area. Frank LaPorte was closely associated with these individuals in gambling and vice activities. According to these references LaPorte was connected with this alleged "syndicate" and he was referred to as the "syndicate" leader in southern Cook County.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Search Slip Page Number</u>
Paul DeLucia	92-2894-82 p.1,2	(12)✓
Rocco Fischetti	92-2915-24 p.19,27,28	(7)✓

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<u>Individual</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Search Slip Page Number</u>
Edward David Vogel	92-3086-41 p.D-M 273 p.1,2	(7)✓ (7)✓
Anthony Joseph Accardo	92-3087-109 p.37,57,58 112 p.L1,F2,G2,L2,8 127 p.C,D,E 182 p.7	(7,16)✓ (7)✓ (7)✓ (7)✓
Murray Llewelyn Humphreys	92-3088-309 p.4	(7)✓
Samuel M. Giancana	92-3171-21 p.14 72 p.81 188 p.4	(8)✓ (8)✓ (8)✓
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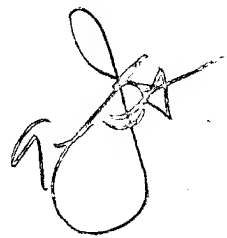
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FRANK LaPORTE

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350, sub 12)

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA.
ANTI-RACKETEERING
CG 6795-C*

CONF. INFT.

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 9/23/64.

Installation of misur coverage at Cooperative Music, 1728 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, was completed on 10/29/64. It is necessary to monitor this source in Chicago Heights at this time since it is not possible to bring the source to the central plant at the Chicago Office because of technical problems. The Chicago Office is endeavoring to bring this source to the central plant by lease-line. However, it is anticipated that completion concerning the technical problems will not be completed for approximately three months.

Suitable office space has been located at Room Number 1, 60 Illinois, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and adequate security can be maintained. The Bureau is requested to approve payment of \$50 per month rental for this office space plus payment of public service utilities for a three month period.

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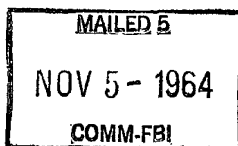
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Reurairtel 10/29/64.

Authority granted to expend \$50 to rent space at Room 1, 60 Illinois Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, to be used to monitor CG 6795-C*. Authority also granted to pay for public service utilities at this location for a one-month period. This authority is for one month rather than the requested three months, since your authority to maintain CG 6795-C* is for only a 30-day period.

NOTE: Bulet 6/25/64 authorized CGO to install misur in the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. CGO reports installation effected, however, because of technical problems, it is necessary to operate a plant to monitor source.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)
SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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An outside plant for monitoring CG 6795-C* has now been set up at 60 East Illinois, Chicago Heights, and will be monitored on a regular basis. Weekly airtel summary will be submitted in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO SUBJECT: PROPOSED HANDLING OF MISUR MATTERS
CHICAGO DIVISIONJUNE

ReBulet 9/7/64, captioned as above and
Chicago airtel dated 10/29/64 captioned "FRANK LA PORTE,
Aka; ANTI-RACKETEERING - CG 6795-C*".

The Chicago Office is looking into the
feasibility of monitoring CG 6795-C* from the Chicago
Office Consolidated Plant if continued utilization of
this informant is approved by the Bureau after the
initial 30 day period. This source is located approxi-
mately 30 miles from the Chicago Office and to have
monitoring over this distance may present some technical
problems. However, it is anticipated that a line could
be leased from the J. C. Collins office in downtown Chicago
to the office space which has been rented in Chicago
Heights, Illinois, to afford additional security for this
operation. The Chicago Office will endeavor to obtain
some estimate on cost of a leased line for this purpose,
after which Bureau authority will be requested for its
installation, if warranted.

In view of the above, authority is requested
to continue payments of \$20.00 a month to rent space
in Room 100, 330 South Franklin, Chicago, for the office
of J. C. Collins & Associates and to continue payments of
\$9.57 per month for telephone service as well as \$5.25
per month for leased line charges.

The Bureau will be kept currently advised of
developments in this matter.

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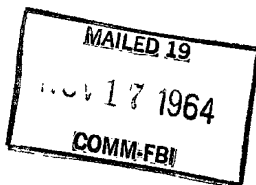
FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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CG 6795-C*

Re Chicago airtel 11-10-64 captioned "Proposed Handling of Misur Matters, Chicago Division."

Authority granted to continue payments of \$20 per month for rental of space in Room 100 at 330 South Franklin, Chicago, Illinois, for the office of J. C. Collins and Associates and to continue payments of \$9.57 per month for telephone service, as well as \$5.25 per month for necessary leased line charges. Above authority effective for an additional 3-month period.

NOTE: Above expenses are necessary to the maintenance of a misur plant in connection with the monitoring of CG 6795-C*, affording coverage of Frank LaPorte, a major Chicago racket figure.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI "JUNE"
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350-SUB 12)
SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, Aka.
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/29/64, and
Bureau airtel to Chicago, 11/5/64.

Bureau permission is requested to obtain a
lease line from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company from
Chicago, Illinois to Chicago Heights, Illinois in connection
with efforts to bring CG 6795-C* to the Central Plant in
Chicago. Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, advised
estimate of lease line cost from J. C. Collins Associates,
330 South Franklin, Chicago, to 60 East Illinois,
Chicago Heights, Illinois would be \$12.50 per month for a
line leased, plus \$24.00 installation cost.

Bureau permission requested to ^{expand} ~~extend~~ this
amount for obtaining line.

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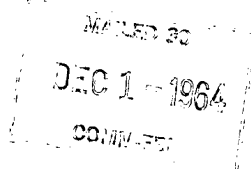
FRANK LA PORTE, aka.
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Reurairtel 11/27/64.

Authority granted to expend \$12.50 per month for use of a leased line in connection with CG 6795-C*, plus a \$24 installation cost.

NOTE: Subject is an associate of Sam Giancana and other top racket figures in Chicago. Bulet 6/25/64 authorized Chicago to install misur coverage in his place of business in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Chicago Office installed this misur in November of 1964, at which time it was being monitored from a plant in Chicago Heights. Chicago Office is now requesting authority to rent a leased line to bring this source into the central plant. Recommend request be approved.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY dpd
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REFERENCES: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, dated 9/17/64 at Chicago.
Chicago letter to San Francisco, dated 11/30/64.

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ENCLOSURES (2) TO BUREAU

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of characterization of informants.

LEADS

Investigative leads for other field divisions are being set forth in other communications as they develop.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct investigation regarding subject's background and activities.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigation period of this report is excessive. It has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is a Chicago Crime Commission report, dated July, 1964.

CG T-2 is CG 6795-C*.

CG T-3 is [] contacted by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH.

CG T-4 is [] South Holland, Illinois, by request contacted 9/15/64 by SA PARRISH.

CG T-5 is [] contacted 9/22/64 by SA []

CG T-6 is PCI [] contacted 9/19/64 by SA PARRISH.

CG T-7 is an unknown source of the Jacksonville Office.

CG T-8 is [] contacted by SA ROBERT P. ROSIN on 9/15/64.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 12/15/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 92-920

Bureau File No.: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. His associates' activities set forth. Additional background for his 1926 arrest for murder set forth. His control of local police departments described. Additional illegal activities developed.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Former Residences

CG T-1 advised that in 1938 FRANK LA PORTE lived in an upstairs apartment at 17th East End Avenue in Chicago Heights, Illinois. The downstairs of the building was operated as a house of prostitution by JIM EMERY and DOMINICK ROBERTO. (ROBERTO deported to Italy in late 1930's. EMERY died of natural causes in 1956.) At this time, LA PORTE was known as the caretaker of the entire property. According to the informant, EMERY had owned the property since 1923 and had always operated it as a brothel and gambling house.

Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on December 7, 1964, that officers of his command continue to make frequent spot checks at the subjects and his relatives residences on Cambridge Road in Flossmoor, Illinois. PAULING advised that the subject's car has frequently been observed at the home of his brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ.

CG T-2 advised on December 9, 1964, that LA PORTE stated to him that he had to have the roof repaired on the property he owns at 219 Lynn Lane, Chicago Heights.

It should be noted that title to this property was recently transferred from [redacted] to [redacted]. Previous investigation established that [redacted] is the paramour of LA PORTE. She continues to act as manager of the Park Lane Beauty Salon in Calumet Park, Illinois.

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RELATIVES

Chief PAULING advised that JAMES ROSS, brother-in-law of the subject, and TONY FRANZE, another brother-in-law, have sold their homes in Flossmoor and are attempting to get out of the rackets. They reportedly want to move to Lake Tahoe, California. Chief PAULING advised that a source of his indicated that they wished to retire and live on the property owned by LA PORTE in that area. PAULING further advised that his source indicated that it is highly doubtful if TONY FRANZE will be allowed to go even though his usefulness as a manager of LA PORTE's gambling games appears to have disappeared.

An article appearing in the Chicago Heights Star, a bi-weekly newspaper, in the October 12, 1964, edition described the recent death of Mrs. MARIA FRANZE, age 74, who was born at Catanzaro, Italy. The survivors of Mrs. FRANZE were listed as Mrs. IRENE RAY, Mrs. KATHERINE SIRIANI, and Mrs. MARY TOSI, all as being her daughters and residing in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Her sons were listed as DOMINICK, ANTHONY, JOSEPH, and FRANK FRANZE of Chicago Heights and Flossmoor, Illinois. Another relative was shown as BLAISE QUADAGNOLO of Linden, California. It is noted that previous investigation indicates that ANTHONY and FRANK FRANZE are both married to sisters of the subject.

ASSOCIATES

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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CG T-1 advised that in 1958 the Lincoln Tobacco Company of Chicago Heights was operated by [redacted] and backed by FRANK LA PORTE, who was the recipient of the insurance benefits which resulted from a fire in approximately 1960. LEONARDO presently operates "The Silhouette" on Western Avenue at 213th Street in Chicago Heights. The place is operated as a bar and restaurant. CG T-3 advised on November 30,

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1964, that "The Silhouette" appears to be run as a completely legitimate enterprise. Informant stated that he could find no indication that prostitution, gambling, or untaxed liquor was being allowed on the premises.

DOMINICK ROBERTO,
Also Known As
~~Dominick Roberts~~
Rome, Italy

CG T-1 advised that on September 10, 1926, JOHN ANDREODIS was murdered in the kitchen of the Chicago Heights restaurant at 3:00 a.m. JAMES TSOUTIS was waiting on the tables. DON ROBERTO, 2606 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, JOHN LUCAS, 349 West 15th Street, Chicago Heights, and FRANK LA PORTE, 412 East 22nd Street, Chicago Heights, were in the restaurant drinking coffee. ROBERTO, LUCAS, and LA PORTE were booked for murder and held for two days. All were exonerated on September 11, 1926. LA PORTE was identified from unknown records as age 25, born in Italy, and a grocer by trade. It is noted that the subject's birth in Italy has been verified through INS records and that his father SAM LIPORATO was the owner of a grocery store on 22nd Street, in Chicago Heights.

CG T-3 previously advised that DOMINICK ROBERTS, until his deportation to Italy, was considered to be the leader of organized crime in South Cook County, Illinois, and that although he is an extremely old man today, he still receives money as a partner in the Co-operative Music Company and other enterprises operated by the subject.

"FARMER" PAIGE
Las Vegas, Nevada

CG T-1 advised that FRANK LA PORTE had been observed in the El Adobe Motel at Del Mar, California, during the 1947 Del Mar racing season. He was accompanied by "FARMER" PAIGE, a gambler from Las Vegas, Nevada. Informant

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described LA PORTE as one of the outstanding slot machine racketeers in South Cook County. In 1947, he was known as a lieutenant for JAMES EMERY who became so wealthy from various rackets that he retired and is now engaged in racing horses.

This informant advised on April 2, 1952, that LA PORTE and others in his area met once a month in Chicago Heights, Illinois, with TONY ACCARDO, SAM GIANCANA, EDDIE VOGEL, and ROCCO FISCHETTI. Once a year, LA PORTE and these other individuals as well as other hoodlums have a general meeting late in July or early in August in Chicago Heights, Illinois, at an unknown address.

JOE BARRETT
Sunny Side Avenue
and 16th Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-4 advised on September 15, 1964, that he formerly owned a home in Homewood, Illinois, near the Washington Park Race Track. In approximately 1959, two unknown individuals of Italian extraction approached him and stated they would give him \$1,000.00 a month rent for the use of his home during the racing season. Informant advised that he contacted his friend JOE BARRETT of Chicago Heights, who advised him that the individuals contacting him were FRANK LA PORTE's boys wanting to set up a booky operation at his home. He advised the informant that although he was a good friend of LA PORTE's, he would have to admit that once they got into his home he would have a hard time getting them out and could not be sure of receiving the amount of money promised him. Informant stated that BARRETT recommended that he did not accept their offer and that he should refuse to rent property to them. Informant stated that BARRETT has admitted to him that he is connected with the outfit and that he handles most of the prostitution for them in the Chicago Heights area. On several occasions BARRETT has asked the informant to travel with him to pick up his weekly collections.

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from his houses of prostitution. From general conversation, the informant estimated that BARRETT has approximately 15 girls working for him at any given time. He has several houses in Chicago Heights where his girls live but do not prostitute from. He advised that one of the houses is located just off Sauk Trail in back of the Forest Preserve next to a trailer camp. Another is located on Broadway in Chicago Heights. On one occasion BARRETT stated that he is not a member of the outfit but that he does work with LA PORTE and has to give a cut of his profits in order to continue operating. VIRGINIA BRAGG, who recently died of natural causes was BARRETT's main girl and taught other prostitutes how to operate according to BARRETT's rules. Informant advised that he knows that one of BARRETT's houses of prostitution is located in Godley, Illinois, and has two girls operating from it. Informant said that 50 per cent of the customers are turned away because FRANK (LNU), the bartender does not know them. BARRETT is extremely afraid of the Illinois State Police who have attempted to raid this house on several occasions. Informant stated that BARRETT has an "in" with the people who run the Dixie Governor Hotel in Hazelcrest, Illinois. Informant stated that it is his impression that some of BARRETT's girls work as prostitutes from this location. Informant advised that BARRETT recently had a "good laugh" on the Internal Revenue agents because he only declares an income of \$8,000.00 a year but stated that his girls make that much in one month plus the fact that he has several houses in the Heights that IRS can't find. Informant stated that BARRETT has commented on several occasions that he is very careful not to operate his girls in Indiana because he doesn't want the FBI to become involved in his activities. According to BARRETT, he is so well known that he never has to look for prostitutes because they come to him. He claims that he actually has a waiting list of girls who want to prostitute for him. Informant advised that he is repeating only what BARRETT tells him and is unable to verify any of the information that BARRETT has furnished to him in the past.

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ROSS PRIO
Chicago, Illinois

CG T-5 on September 22, 1964, advised that he knows ROSS PRIO is a member of the outfit because informant was introduced to PRIO as a member at a wedding reception held in Chicago Heights, Illinois, about ten years ago. The reception was for the sister of FRANK LA PORTE. The man who introduced him to PRIO was another member of the outfit who is known as "CEASAR". Informant stated that at the same wedding reception he met Captain [redacted] (phonetic) of the Chicago Police Department. [redacted] was a very good friend of MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO.

[redacted]
Flossmoor, Illinois

Chief RICHARD PAULING, Flossmoor Police Department, advised that [redacted] whose company at Riverdale, Illinois, was recently bombed, advised him that he was acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE. He stated that he met LA PORTE through [redacted] at the Olympia Fields Country Club. LA PORTE was at the club as a guest of SCHWETZ. He advised that he has not met or heard from LA PORTE since that time but does recall that LA PORTE and [redacted] appeared to be very close friends. He advised that [redacted] telephone number is 799-6823. PAULING stated that he has no information indicating that [redacted] is connected with the outfit and has only heard that he is a successful contractor.

[redacted]
Also Known As
[redacted]
Chicago Heights

Chicago Heights Star, October 29, 1964, edition contained an article which reads in part as follows:

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"Miss Karen Sue Petrarca is engaged to Dennis F. Franze. She is the daughter of Mike Petrarca, 198 East 23rd Street. Mr. Franze is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Franze, 1004 Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights."

Previous investigation established that [redacted] is a brother to [redacted] who purchased over 100 sets of dice from a Las Vegas manufacturing company and who has been arrested on several occasions as a keeper of a gambling house, and has been described by Chicago Heights police officers as a dealer for LA PORTE's organization. DOMINICK FRANZE is a brother to TONY FRANZE, who has been previously described as running the gambling operations for LA PORTE in the Calumet City area.

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[redacted]
Chicago Heights

The November 8, 1964, edition of the Chicago Heights Star shows a property transfer at 219 Lynn Lane from DONALD KRAUT to [redacted] Agent DONALD NORTON, Illinois Crime Commission, Chicago, Illinois, advised on October 1, 1964, that he had occasion to interview one of the girls employed at the Park Lane Beauty Salon in Calumet Park, Illinois. The girl, who furnished no information of value with regard to the investigation he was conducting, did state that the manager of the Park Lane was at that time traveling in Italy on vacation. The girl refused to identify the name of the manager. Previous investigation established that [redacted] the subject's paramour, is named as manager of the Park Lane.

FRANCIS CURRY
Western Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

On November 1, 1964, LA PORTE was observed at 10:45 a.m., accompanied by FRANCIS CURRY, driving LA PORTE's 1964 Buick from the Co-operative Music Company to the LA PORTE

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residence in Flossmoor. CURRY's 1964 Buick was observed parked at the Co-operative Music Company and remained there until after 6:00 p.m. on the same date.

CG T-2 advised on December 9, 1964, that LA PORTE had recently been out of town and upon his return, one of the first contacts he made was with FRANCIS CURRY. Informant stated he could not understand the conversation between LA PORTE and CURRY but that it was evident that it involved some type of business detail.

JAMES CATUARA
10309 South Laramie
Oak Lawn, Illinois

Officer [redacted] Harvey, Illinois Police Department advised on October 4, 1964, that he had received information from a reliable informant that FRANK LA PORTE and JIMMY CATUARA and other hoodlums had a meeting in Calumet City, Illinois, on October 1, 1964. The meeting apparently concerned the operation of one of CATUARA's rackets. Informant felt that it involved a robbery gang which was operated by [redacted] of Sauk Village, Illinois. Informant indicated that LA PORTE and CATUARA were having some type of disagreement over the way this operation was being handled. Informant advised [redacted] that the rumor is getting stronger every day that there is "bad blood" between LA PORTE and CATUARA. The trouble started several years ago when "old man" JOE BARRETT is supposed to have double-crossed CATUARA, and LA PORTE along with RALPH EMERY came to BARRETT's defense and would not allow CATUARA to "hit" BARRETT.

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[redacted]
Thornton, Illinois

CG T-3 advised that [redacted] who formerly operated strip clubs for LA PORTE in Calumet City, Illinois, is moving to Florida. [redacted] can be reached at [redacted]

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Post Office Box 10669, Fort Pittsburgh, Florida. Informant advised on November 4, 1964, that [] is taking over the franchise for Shakey's Pizza, Burlingame, California. Informant described this as a large pizza chain which is pushing in to the east coast of the country. [] advised the informant that he is connected with the Starz Cylinder, Inc., at 15829 West Avenue, Harvey, Illinois. He has an \$18,000.00 note at the Homewood Bank which is due on January 16, 1965. [] advised informant that he has an income of \$10,000.00 a year and that his attorney is [] of Chicago Heights. Informant advised that he assumes that the \$18,000.00 note has something to do with his new venture into the pizza company in Florida.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

CG T-6 advised on September 19, 1964, that prostitution in the Chicago Heights area cannot operate without the okay of LA PORTE's outfit. He advised that there are numerous procures in the area but that most of them have to share their profits with the outfit. [] [] Sauk Village, Illinois, presently has two prostitutes working for him. In addition, he is a strong arm robber and burglar. Both of his prostitutes average \$300.00 a week, all of which is turned over to [] Informant advised that [] is in trouble because LA PORTE and CATUARA appear to be in disagreement over who he belongs to. Informant advised that in a conversation with ALEX SORENTINO the night he was murdered, he indicated that he owed a large amount of money to LA PORTE and FRANK LUZI and was afraid they were going to have [] kill him if he didn't pay.

Chief of Police ROBERT OBERSTOLTZ advised on October 12, 1964, that he recently stopped [] of Harvey, Illinois. He stated that [] who was drinking heavily, told him that he was a good friend of JIMMY CATUARA and that he worked with [] one of LA PORTE's boys.

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[] indicated that he and [] had recently attended the meeting in a tavern in Barrington, Illinois. This tavern is located on the corner of Lake and Cook streets. It is operated by an individual named (FNU) [], who formerly was "the bank" for the outfit's "book" in Waukegan, Illinois.

[] in addition to the restaurant, now owns a construction company. [] was driving a 1964 gray Buick with Illinois license RT 1916, which is registered to []

[] further indicated that he had a good operation going in Wheeling, Illinois.

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POLICE AND POLITICAL TIES

CG T-8 advised that [redacted] are outfit men who work for either FRANK LA PORTE or JIMMIE CATURA. He advised he met these individuals in December, 1963, in Chicago Heights. On one occasion while the [redacted] were in Chicago Heights he heard gun fire and ran to the rear of the building they were in. He observed [redacted] firing at tin cans in an alley with silver-plated automatic pistols. They carried these guns in their hip pockets and when questioned as to whether or not they might be arrested, they stated that their friends of the Chicago Heights Police Department would "square any beef". Chief ROBERT OBERSTOLTZ, South Chicago Heights, Illinois, Police Department, advised on October 4, 1964, that his patrol observed several meetings at former Chicago Heights Police Officer LOUIE PRATICO's house at [redacted]. The meeting was attended by several local burglars and another former Chicago Heights Police Department patrolman named [redacted]. He stated that after the squad checked the license plates through the Chicago Heights radio dispatcher, PRATICO contacted Sergeant [redacted] of his department and advised him that the police should stop checking them out because they are a rough bunch of boys and that they could cause the department trouble. PRATICO admitted to Sergeant [redacted] that the group was "working", but were not hitting anything in South Chicago Heights. PRATICO also made some reference to the recent bombings in Chicago Heights and indicated that there may be more and that the next time some people might be hurt.

ROBERT STEGER advised on September 6, 1964, that he is President of the Chamber of Congress in Steger, Illinois. STEGER stated for several years a bookie joint had been operating in Steger, Illinois, which was known as the Acorn Club. In an effort to clean up the town, the Steger Chamber of Congress intended to adopt a resolution intending to rid the town of this PRATICO bookie joint. When this became public knowledge several members of the Chamber did receive anonymous telephone calls regarding such a resolution. STEGER stated they were not actual threats, but indicated that the city officials were in favor of the bookie joint and they would be causing trouble if they tried to close it down. STEGER stated that none

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of these calls have been reported to the local authorities because the local police are cooperative with the bookies and FRANK MASTERS, State's Attorney, Will County, Illinois, who "go along" with the hoodlum element in Will County, Illinois. STEGER advised that it is his belief that the telephone calls were made by or caused to be made by FRANK LA PORTE, who STEGER claims has considerable power in the area.

Chief of Police CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, advised on November 17, 1964, that owners of the property recently destroyed by fire in Calumet City, which formerly housed notorious strip joints, were [redacted] sister of City Clerk [redacted] and Mrs. MINNIE FINNERAN, mother of City Treasurer JAMES FINNERAN.

The fire debris left an eye-sore in the city. However, the owners refused to put up \$500 to cover the costs of the clean up. They claimed that the city should do so. As a result of their refusal the following five individuals donated \$100 each to have the debris cleaned up: [redacted]

PHIL BACINO, and [redacted] According to the Chief, these five individuals were formerly notorious strip tease house operators and associates of FRANK LA PORTE. The job to clean up the property was started on November 17, 1964, and it was handled by the Paramount Wrecking Company. Observed at the scene supervising the work was JOHN JARANOSKI, son of the former mayor. Chief CASIMIR, partner in Paramount Wrecking Company and former alderman of Hammond, Indiana, was recently convicted for possession of burglary tools. He was placed on probation following this conviction.

[redacted] was observed in the company of Alderman ANTHONY ORAKRAJ of the 4th Ward in Calumet City; it is noted that the fire was in the 1st Ward. The Chief advised that ORAKRAJ has been a straight opponent of the reform unit in Calumet City and has voted in council meetings against the appointment of OBERSTOLTZ as Chief of Police. ORAKRAJ has announced that he will run against the present Mayor, JOSEPH NOWAK in April of 1965. [redacted] and ORAKRAJ spent

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considerable time at the fire scene and were observed leaving together and entering the "Shay Club", which is owned by [REDACTED]

Also observed at the scene was Captain HENRY WLEKLENSKI. WLEKLENSKI is a former Chief of Police who was in charge when Calumet City was operating 24 strip tease houses. He appeared to have more than a casual interest in the work being done and was observed talking with [REDACTED] and ORAKRAJ.

CG T-6 advised that none of the outfit are worried about the police or their chief at Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant stated that Lieutenant [REDACTED] still furnishes information to the "boys" regarding the activity of various Federal agencies. Informant does not know if Chief ORAKRAJ is in on the "take" but does know that most of his officers never tell him what is going on in town. The smaller "thieves and burglars" are concerned because the Mayor is doing business only with people who have lots of money and he is making it rough on the "little people" in order to convince the newspapers and citizens that he is informing the town.

By communication dated September 23, 1964, the Springfield Office advised that [REDACTED] owner of Kamp's Motor Motel, Mount Carmel, Illinois, stated that the man named [REDACTED] (associate of FRANK LA PORTE) had stayed at his motel a few times. [REDACTED] gave his address as [REDACTED] Dolton, Illinois, and his business telephone as 333-6131, which is listed to the F and L Ball Point Company in Harvey, Illinois. The F and L Company is owned by FRANK LUGI (nephew of FRANK LA PORTE). [REDACTED] stated that he had been trying to sell his motel and that he informed [REDACTED] of this fact. [REDACTED] indicated that he would help sell the motel for five per cent of the \$45,000 asking price. [REDACTED] later came to the motel and said that he had found someone who had just received two inheritances and wanted to buy some property with one of them. He said he would probably be willing to buy the motel for \$70,000. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then agreed to split the difference between the \$45,000 asking price and the

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\$75,000 which was the possible buying price. [] then left the motel and went somewhere. He then came back with an individual who gave his name as []

[] said that he was not only interested in the motel but that he was interested in [] father's-in-law house which might be selling for \$15,000. He advised that he was going to have to "win a loan" in Chicago from a bank for a total price of \$85,000 and that he would need \$5,000 earnest money from [] in order to get the loan. [] subsequently returned to [] motel and both of them went to see a lawyer in Mount Carmel by the name of [] and drew up a purchasing contract with a 15 day option clause in it.

[] at this time went to the Security Bank and Trust Company in Mount Carmel and talked with President [] about the \$5,000 "earnest money", which time [] advised him that it was a "frenzy deal" and that [] should not get involved in it. [] stated that the contract was then drawn up with no mention of "earnest money". During this time [] became suspicious of [] and determined that [] was driving a 1964 blue Pontiac with Illinois License EM 6535. [] stated he sincerely believes that [] is going to go through with the deal and actually buy the motel.

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CG T-7 advised that he overheard a conversation between ART PILATTO and SAMUEL GUZZINO of Chicago Heights, Illinois. Both were staying at the Sun and Sand Motel in Daytona Beach, Florida. The bits of conversation were to the effect that PILATTO, GUZZINO, and [] were members of the FRANK LA PORTE gang and were involved in dog track swindles in Massachusetts as well as other places in the country. Informant advised that he overheard a conversation of [] to the effect that "The stuff was not of the quantity or strength that they had anticipated and they will make \$200 to \$400 a night". Further conversation overheard by the informant between PILATTO and [] was about the use of phenobarbital and the shooting of dogs in the stomach. References were also made to a dog that was recently killed at West Palm Beach, Florida. It is noted that PILATTO, [] were arrested in []

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Daytona Beach by the Daytona Beach Police Department on August 20, 1964, on charges of conspiracy and "dog doping". Investigation disclosed that the subjects were in possession of ground beef, sodium bromide, and other drugs and chemicals used in connection with artificial stimulation of greyhounds. All subjects were reported by the Florida State Racing Commission to have been active at other dog tracks in Florida and are believed to have been in Memphis, Tennessee, prior to their coming to Daytona Beach. Local authorities advised that all subjects were released on bond and that those arrested refused to be interviewed. This investigation indicated that [redacted] an accomplice of the subjects, was not arrested and that he is possibly identical with [redacted] of Providence, Rhode Island.

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CG T-3 advised that he had learned from a resident of Flossmoor, Illinois, that the subject's brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ, was formerly the body-guard for LA PORTE. Sunday afternoon and night meetings were held at his house instead of LA PORTE's. LA PORTE's wife is supposed to be crippled and has been seen in a wheel chair in the backyard. Informant further stated that a nurse at St. James Hospital related that when LA PORTE's wife was in the hospital she refused to accept any of the flowers that were sent by LA PORTE's relatives. This informant advised that there were recently two weddings involving LA PORTE's family and he gave wedding gifts of trips to Florida and to Fountainbleau with all expenses paid. One of the girls that was married works at Adolphe Beauty Salon in Homewood, Illinois.

CG T-2 advised on December 9, 1964, that LA PORTE had recently been out of town and that one of the first individuals he called upon his return was SAM DE GIOIVANNI who the informant believes to be the old time "Cokro" and that it is possibly necessary for LA PORTE to check in with him on frequent occasions.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
December 15, 1964

Title	FRANK LA PORTE, aka
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	is made to report of Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

With the exception of CG T-7 whose reliability is unknown.



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Chicago, Illinois
December 15, 1964

FRANK LA PORTE,
ALSO KNOWN AS
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
Thomas W. Parrish, dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is another investigative agency in Chicago.

CG T-2 is an individual who has some knowledge
concerning the activities of Frank La Porte.

CG T-3 is an individual who has some knowledge
of the financial operations of various Chicago hoodlums.

CG T-4 is an individual who is a personal
acquaintance of some hoodlums in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

CG T-5 is an individual who has knowledge of
gambling activities in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

CG T-6 is a former prostitute in Chicago Heights,
Illinois.

CG T-7 is an individual who has some knowledge
of criminal activities in Jacksonville, Florida.

CG T-8 is an individual who has a limited
knowledge of gambling activities in Chicago Heights.

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Date: 12/10/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)
SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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"J U N E"CG 6795-C* - WEEKLY SUMMARY

Source advised on 12/9/64, that LA PORTE has been out of town. Immediately upon his return he telephonically contacted "Mr. SAM". From LA PORTE's conversation he furnished a telephone number which is identical to the telephone number of SAM D'GIOVANNI, 1552 Edgewood, Chicago Heights, Illinois. LA PORTE advised him of his return to Chicago Heights and that he would stop up and see him in the very near future. This conversation in relation to information furnished previously by CG 6486-C* indicates that D'GIOVANNI is the "old time capro" of the Chicago Heights area. Investigation previously has established that D'GIOVANNI was a close associate of AL CAPONE and one of his largest suppliers of raw alcohol. CG 6486-C* previously advised that SAM GIANCANA stated that JOE COSTELLO of the Chicago Heights Distributing Company could go to the "capro" and state his complaint against LA PORTE regarding liquor licenses in Chicago Heights. Until now no information had been developed as to the identity of this "capro".

Source stated that LA PORTE also had his brother-in-law, FRANK FRANZE, contact a repair company to fix his house at 219 Lynn Lane. This property is occupied by subject's paramour [redacted] who previously denied in interview that she was acquainted with LA PORTE.

A leased line from Chicago Heights to Chicago will be installed by the telephone company on 12/14/64, and efforts will be made to bring this source directly into the central office at Chicago.

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Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

"JUNE"

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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Arrangements have been completed for securing a lease line from Chicago to 60 East Illinois, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for the purposes of bringing CG 6795-C* into the central plant of the Chicago Office. Technical difficulties have arisen in connection with the operation of this source, and efforts are being made to resolve these difficulties. In view of these technical difficulties, which have prohibited the successful monitoring of this source on a continuing basis, an FD-143 is not being submitted at this time. It should be noted, however, that the source has furnished information of pertinence in captioned matter, and it appears this source will be highly worthwhile when technical difficulties can be resolved. The Bureau will be kept advised of developments in this matter.

Bureau authority is requested to expend \$50.00 for rental of space at Room 1, 60 East Illinois, Chicago Heights, for the month of January, 1965, to be paid 1/1/65, inasmuch as this space is necessary in connection with the operation of this source at this time.

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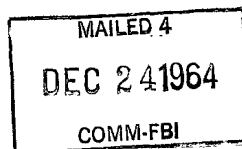
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Re your airtel 12-21-64.

Authority granted to expend \$50 for rental of space
at Room 1, 60 East Illinois, Chicago Heights, for the month of
January, 1965.

Promptly submit an FD-143 setting forth your
recommendations regarding continuation of CG 6795-C*.

NOTE: Above expense is necessary to maintain a plant to monitor
CG 6795-C* which covers Frank LaPorte, a major Chicago racket
figure.



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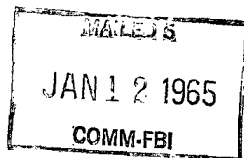
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From: Director, FBI

FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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ReBulet 12/24/64.

Immediately submit an appropriate FD-143
concerning CG 6795-C*.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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CG 6795-C* is now being monitored at the central plant in Chicago. Technical difficulties continue to prevent full utilization of the source but these are expected to be resolved in the near future.

Source advised that LA PORTE is presently in the California and Las Vegas area. FRANCIS CURRY, LA PORTE's lieutenant in Joliet, Illinois, advised an unidentified male that on the night of 1/4/65 he talked with another unknown male who wanted to know what they were doing about some real estate options. During the conversation, CURRY indicated that LA PORTE, who was in the Las Vegas area, was ready to provide the options for the property as soon as "those people" send us a money draft for \$100,000. CURRY indicated that [] (phonetic) may also be interested in the options. No further information was gained as to the identity of the property or persons interested in it.

CURRY held another conversation with [] (LNU) regarding taxicab companies. He referred to a talk he had with [] (phonetic) and stated to [] "that he, [] will agree on the first threat and we will then go back in." He refers to "the little guy." The general

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tone of conversation indicates that [] (LNU) has a meeting set up with DORFMAN and possibly JAMES HOFFA regarding the Teamsters takeover of some cab companies in the suburbs. CURRY did not furnish any additional information regarding the specific cab companies and it cannot be positively stated that he was referring to HOFFA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

JUNE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)
SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF
TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

DATE: 1/8/65

RE: Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character of Case AR
Field Office Chicago
Symbol Number CG 6795-C*
Type of Surveillance: ~~(Technical or~~
Microphone)
CONF. INFO.

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:
FRANK LA PORTE, 1730 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois
2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:
1728 Halsted St., Chicago Heights, Ill., rear office.
3. Location of monitoring plant:
Chicago Central plant.
4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:
Authorization, 6/25/64
Installation, 10/29/64
5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):
None
6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:
 - a. Is a trunk line utilized?
 - b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard?
 - c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line?

e. If a party line, how many parties?

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

One microphone unit installed in office wall.

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

No.

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

See attached.

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No.

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

None for same type of coverage.

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No.

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No.

14. Cost of Plant Premises: \$50 per month for relay apartment and \$12.50 for leased line to Chicago Central Plant.

a. Rental costs for plant premises: \$50.

b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant.

None at relay apartment, 24 at Chicago Central Plant.

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

\$12.50 per month.

16. Personnel Costs:

- a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working at plant and total salary costs.

5 Special Employees, \$44,045 per annum
2 Investigative Clerks, \$12,745 per annum
1 Special Agent, \$13,340 per annum
4 Special Agents, Polish only, \$41,880 (100%)

- b. Total number of man hours per week spent at plant?

320 hours
184 (Polish only)

- c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance;

30 hours per week

- d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

\$7,013.00 per annum

17. Remarks (by SAC):

This surveillance has encountered some technical problems which have not yet been completely resolved, and which have prevented full utilization of source. It will be maintained for an additional period of 90 days, UACB. The information gained is not subject to being obtained elsewhere.

18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

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9. Source furnished information concerning two previously unknown properties owned by LA PORTE. One is a house he purchased for his paramour, HARIET POSEY.

Source has developed information that SAM D'GIOVANNI, a 72-year-old former Chicago Heights "bootlegger," is still powerful in organized crime in South Cook County, Illinois, and is probably a "Capro" of LA PORTE's family.

Subject has discussed the purchase of a restaurant and indicated that it will be converted into a gambling operation. He is giving the present owner three months rent plus \$400 a month to move out. The location has not yet been determined.

FRANCIS CURRY, LA PORTE's lieutenant, advised that LA PORTE is in Las Vegas and they need to get in touch with him regarding "some action" on an operation in an unknown area. The action involves a real estate deal. The other persons are expected to send in a money draft for \$100,000 and in return, LA PORTE will deliver an option to the property. Due to technical difficulties, the full conversation could not be developed.

CURRY contacted [] (LNU) and discussed organizing "all those other cab companies." He indicated that one of the companies "will agree on the first threat, then we will go back in." He instructs [] to attempt to see "the little guy" and DORFMAN. The conversation indicates that they intend to contact JAMES HOFFA of the Teamsters when he arrives in Chicago.

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Source developed information regarding suicide of JOE COSTELLO, a Chicago Heights hoodlum. Previous investigation indicated he had been murdered because of heavy gambling losses and debts. Source stated that the facts were that COSTELLO stole a large sum of money from his family's wholesale liquor distributing company. His theft was discovered and LA PORTE "called him in" and before he appeared before LA PORTE and the others, the pressure was too much and he killed himself.

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SAC, Chicago (92-350 Sub 12)

1/21/65

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Director, FBI

JUNE

1 - J. D. Donohue
1 - Mr. Leggett
1 - Mr. Kelly

FRANK LA PORTE
AR

Re your FD-143 dated 1/8/65.

Authority granted to continue CG 6795-C* for an additional 90-day period. Recommendations regarding continuance should be submitted to reach the Bureau five days prior to the expiration of this authority.

The abstract submitted with referenced communication was not prepared in accordance with existing instructions. You must insure that in the future "June" abstracts are prepared in an appropriate manner.

NOTE: Subject is an associate of Sam Giancana and other top racket figures in Chicago. This misur was installed in his place of business on 10/29/64. The CGO reports that there has been some technical difficulties encountered with respect to this installation which have not as yet been completely resolved and which have prevented full utilization of source. During the relatively brief period it has been operative, source has indicated it is in a position to furnish valuable intelligence information not available from other sources. Source has developed information that Sam D'Giovanni is still powerful in organized crime in the southern part of Cook County, Illinois. Source indicated D'Giovanni may be a "capo" in LaPorte's "family." Information of this nature is of particular assistance to the CGO since there is a need to develop more detailed information regarding La Cosa Nostra activity in Chicago. Source also revealed that one of LaPorte's lieutenants was discussing organizing of cab companies and was considering contacting James Hoffa. In view of the potential of this source to produce much needed intelligence data, recommend Chicago be authorized to continue source for a 90-day period.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI JUNE

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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In the early morning hours of 2/10/65 microphone concerning CG 6795-C* was replaced in the same outside wall area due to its being damaged. New microphone working satisfactorily, however, source not activated due to technical difficulties in connection with leased lines running from vicinity of source and Chicago central plant. Efforts being made to correct and Bureau will be advised immediately when source activated.

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Title and Character of Case

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA
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Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

12/31/63

Location of Property or Bulky Ex

Bulky Exhibit Room

Possible evidence, to be destroyed at close
of case.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T. Parrish

Unknown pieces of scrap from subj. room 622 at St. James Hosp.
appears to be receipts from Gambling.

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY
RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and date)

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Director, FBI

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1 - J. D. Donohue

1 - Mr. Leggett

**FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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Reurairtel 2/12/65.

**Promptly advise whether or not CG 6795-C* has
been activated.**

**NOTE: Reairtel reports due to technical difficulties in connection
with leased lines, source installed but not activated.**

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Date: 3/11/65

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 sub 12)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE,
aka
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SUMMARY

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN UTILIZING THE INFORMATION THAT FOLLOWS. IT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR INTERVIEW OR IN THE BODY OF A REPORT WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM THE BUREAU OR THE CHICAGO OFFICE.

CG 6795-C* furnished the following information on 3/4/65:

FRANK LA PORTE entered his private office at the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, at 11:05 A.M. He immediately made a telephone call to an unknown individual stating, "I'm going to have to go down to Florida and reach out for JIM who was at the Montmarte (phonetic) last night and they are either selling the Everglades (phonetic) there today or closing the loan on the Fontainbleau (phonetic). They are probably busy but I will eventually have them come back to us. I thought you and I could straighten this thing out but this other guy wants four percent of the loan for an appraisal. I'll know within the next ten days about it..... I'm going to have to leave town (inaudible). The only thing is that JOE is involved for a percentage of the fees..... He never got an okay but he still came in to see SAMMY (phonetic) and I, but he never came up with any figures and we told both of you to mail everything to the fund. Here's what I'm going to do, I'm going to meet SAMMY now, he's going to Florida tomorrow and I'll have him call JIMMY and have JIMMY stay there and bring [] (phonetic) and we can get the whole thing ironed out.

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"Now on this other thing, you will have to have them associate with the deal under someone else's name..... I'm hearing a lot of beefs on this thing and I reached out for JOHN and the little guy..... [] is there, at least he flew in there."

It would appear that LA PORTE was discussing some type of real estate deal and was referring possibly to JAMES HOFFA of the Teamsters Union as the hotels referred to are believed financed by Teamster and hoodlum funds. SAMMY is possibly identical with SAM D'GIOVANNI of Chicago Heights, Illinois, who is a 74 year old individual believed to be a member of the LA PORTE group, which controls the southern suburbs of Chicago. The [] and [] referred to cannot be identified by Chicago.

Miami is requested to determine if HOFFA was a guest at the Montmartre Hotel and, if the Everglades Hotel was sold or a large loan obtained for the Fontainebleau Hotel on the above date. Will also attempt to identify FRITZ who might possibly be an official of the Teamsters Union, which will shed light on meaning of above conversation.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350, Sub 12)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, Aka
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ReBulet dated 3/2/65.

CG 6795-C* was reactivated on 3/5/65 and has
furnished the following information:

Subject LA PORTE indicated he had recently returned to the Chicago area and made a long distance call to an unknown party regarding the moving of a "mill" some sixty miles. He then advised that the "mill" should not be moved at the price quoted because the "mine" is only producing \$300.00 worth of gold and \$240.00 in silver per ton of ore. LA PORTE recommended that the unknown call an individual at Sacramento, California Telephone Number 421-5473, which he indicated was his home number or that he should call him at his office which the unknown has the number for. The call was to be made regarding the price of moving the "mill".

He was to tell the individual that the "four" of them should get together because "things are set up that way". He indicated that one of the four individuals referred to was named JIMMY.

LA PORTE also stated that he got his "check" in the mail today on that "other stuff" and that contact should be made with [redacted] (phonetic) out there regarding further monies.

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It would appear that LA PORTE has begun mining operations possibly on the property that he owns in Nevada and that the individual he was talking with has some degree of management in its operations. Toll calls and other investigation will be instituted and San Francisco notified of pertinent results. It is noted that subject has not claimed any income from his mining operations in his latest available income tax returns.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/3/65

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (134-44 Sub 2)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED HANDLING OF MISUR MATTERS
CHICAGO DIVISION

JUNE

Re Chicago airtel dated 11/10/64 captioned as above
and Bureau letter dated 11/17/64 captioned "FRANK LA PORTE,
Aka; ANTI-RACKETEERING - CG 6795-C*".

The Chicago Office has discontinued the experimental leased line which had been previously authorized and for which \$5.25 payments per month were being made. In its place we have now leased a line from Chicago Heights, Illinois, utilizing the J. C. Collins cover company for purposes of monitoring CG 6795-C* from the Chicago Office Consolidated Plant. The cost for this leased line is \$12.10 per month plus an installation charge of \$12.00. There have been some technical difficulties in connection with utilization of this leased line for monitoring this source which is located approximately 30 miles from the Chicago Office. However, the difficulties appear to have been overcome and the source at present is being currently monitored in the Consolidated Plant.

In view of the above, the Chicago Office is requesting authority to continue payments of \$20.00 a month to rent space in Room 100, 330 South Franklin, Chicago, for the office of J. C. Collins and Associates, to continue payments of \$9.57 per month for telephone service and payments of \$12.00 per month for leased line charges.

Chicago Office will consider using this company or another appropriate company, if circumstances warrant, in connection with any new installations and appropriate recommendations will be made to the Bureau at such time as is necessary. The Bureau will be kept currently advised of developments in this situation.

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PROPOSED HANDLING OF MISUR MATTERS
CHICAGO DIVISION

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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - J. D. Donohue
- 1 - M. F. Row
- 1 - Mr. Kelly

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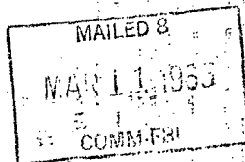
Authority granted to continue to make payments as outlined in relet to rent space in Room 100, 330 South Franklin, Chicago, and to obtain telephone service and leasedlines for this location. This authority is for a three-month period. Closely follow all aspects of this matter and keep the Bureau currently advised of developments.

NOTE: Evans to Belmont memorandum 4/17/64 entitled "Microphone Coverage, Chicago Division," authorized the CGO to set up a burglar alarm company as a cover to act as a relay point in connection with misur installations in suburban Chicago. Information has been developed by the CGO that the underworld had contacts in some of Chicago's suburban telephone companies and this procedure would afford greater security to our sensitive sources.

CGO reports cost of office space is \$20 per month, regular telephone service \$9.57 per month and the leasedline utilized costs \$12 per month. Recommend CGO be authorized to conduct this operation for an additional three-month period. At the present time, the CGO is utilizing the cover company for carrying the lease line from one misur being utilized in connection with the Criminal Intelligence Program.

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Date: 3/23/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)

RE: FRANK LA PORTE, aka JUNE
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SUMMARY

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CG 6795-C* furnished the following information:

On 3/11/65 LA PORTE entered his private office at the Cooperative Music Co. and immediately called an unknown individual. He indicated that a "deal" they were working on had a chance until Monday, according to [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] told us, "Them guys called him and said the other guy did not get it. Well, [redacted] told the guy not to do anything until he heard from me (LA PORTE). So this guy left at 4:00 p.m. but he is going to be in Vegas on Monday... Yeah, the banker (inaudible). Yeah, they can get somebody. See, they called me and said they had the guy from the Nugget (phonetic) over there and they wanted to go in". (Additional inaudible conversation).

Immediately after ending the call, LA PORTE made another call and asked to speak to FRANCIS (phonetic). LA PORTE stated, "I just got through talking to JIMMY and I was thinking of sending something downtown today. Them Jews

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from the Golden (phonetic), they are now over in Florida and are trying to negotiate. They're going to have to come up with four and they can't do it and are going to borrow this other money, you understand, and from there they are going to New Orleans. I'm going to tell you this, FRAN, TONY and his brother use to be partners so maybe JOHNNY might be open. You know what I mean?... You understand? The guy might be over there, see, but I know that is why they're over there... See they got the four. They went in with four, you understand, and they are going to get four. Yeah, I don't know. After this figure they have to come up with four more. Yeah, four million. That's what they got to come up with. They are going to come up with four million. First they told me it was six million they were going to get. They had a commitment for that much. Know what I mean?... I don't think so, the thing is worth 20 million. They will only give them ten, how much per cent they give them... I don't know. I don't know if they got the commitment for the other thing yet, it's about 840, but the other guy has to come up with it. What I'm trying to tell you is that somebody is messing up what this guy wants. I know, FRAN, but he wants this money. Are you sure you understand?... Well, the guy JIMMY just called said he had to have his four hundred thousand so that is how the thing stands and he has not got it yet so he's going to New Orleans to see if he can borrow it over there, so he can take care of the other obligation. You get the idea? That's good".

LA PORTE also mentioned the name [redacted] (phonetic) indicating that he had some part in the above deal.

The overall conversation indicated that LA PORTE and his associates, possibly JIMMY CATUARA and FRANCIS CURRY, were involved in purchasing all or part of the Golden Nugget casino in Las Vegas. The conversation also indicated that possibly [redacted] was involved in the deal. Due to background noise, the entire conversation could not be monitored.

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LA PORTE also discussed his involvement in some operation in the state of Michigan. No indication was given as to the nature of the Michigan deal.

On 3/12/65 LA PORTE received a call from FRANK (LNU) and stated, "Yeah, yeah, he told me he had about 40

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points available. Talked to him last night. Available to sell, yeah (inaudible). No he said he was working on the guy to get two million off the guy. Yeah, yeah, he started talking to this guy [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] Well first without the other stuff. I would not even want it for nothing. No, even if they said 'here, take it for nothing', I would not take it. It's too much to keep up. Yeah, the guy that has it is named [redacted] (phonetic). I'm going to talk to [redacted] about it Monday". Part of an inaudible conversation in which the Tropicana (phonetic) was also mentioned.

Las Vegas is requested to advise any information indicating that the Golden Nugget is available for sale or any information which could shed light on the above conversation.

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Date: 3/31/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, Aka;
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"JUNE"

SUMMARY

CG 6795-C* furnished the following information:

On 3/22/65 At 11:32 AM, LA PORTE was overheard talking with his brother-in-law, TONY FRANZE, of Flossmoor, Illinois. They discussed the fact that FRANZE would have to hurry and move unknown gambling equipment to a new location. LA PORTE stated that because of (some unknown) trouble all the equipment that could not be loaded onto one truck should be immediately burned. He did not identify either the old location or the new one, except that the new location would be in Blue Island, Illinois.

On 3/23/65 GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI, LA PORTE's gambling lieutenant in Blue Island, Illinois, entered and advised that his health was very poor, but that he felt he would be able to continue with the construction of a building that he and LA PORTE evidently held in joint ownership. The location of the building was not discussed, but the general indication was that it was a fairly large building but no prices or costs were mentioned.

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on 3/24/65 LA PORTE held a conversation with "One Arm [redacted] previously owned approximately ten "hillbilly" taverns on Plummer Street in Calumet City, Illinois. LA PORTE indicated that RALPH EMERY was giving \$500 and that LA PORTE was giving \$1,000 and that [redacted] should give \$500 toward the campaign of CASEY STEFANIAK, who is running for Mayor of Calumet City. LA PORTE indicated that "he owns CASEY" and that after the election, if CASEY wins, they would be able to reopen books but it is doubtful if they will be able to reopen the houses of prostitution that formerly existed in Calumet City. It is pointed out that prior to 1961, Calumet City, Illinois was described in various national newspapers as the "Sin City". The reform mayor, JOSEPH NOVAK, is seeking re-election against STEFANIAK. LA PORTE indicated to [redacted] that the money should be given in "one bundle" in order to impress CASEY more. He also indicated that other unknown individuals would contribute to STEFANIAK's campaign.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 4/13/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/15/64 - 3/29/65
TITLE OF CASE FRANK LA PORTE		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY dlk
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REFERENCES: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 12/15/64.
Chicago letter to San Francisco, dated 1/20/65.
Chicago letter to San Diego dated 3/4/65.

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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2)

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of characterization of informants memorandum.

LEADS

Investigative leads for the Field Divisions are being set forth in separate communications as they are developed.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate subject's background and criminal activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigative period of this report is extensive and has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
CG T-1 is [redacted] [redacted] former CI by request	1/12/65	SA JOHN R. BASSETT
CG T-2 is [redacted]	1/11/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-3 is [redacted]	1/27/65	"
CG T-4 is 6795-C*		

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 4/13/65

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Sources advised that subject can now be frequently observed at his residence on Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. Subject has indicated that he intends to travel to California during the first of April, 1965. Subject continues to exert influence in local politics in south suburban Cook County, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Residence

CG T-3 advised that FRANK LA PORTE owns a parcel of residential property on 22nd Street in Chicago Heights, Illinois. The exact location or address is unknown to this source. Recently this property had a window broken and LA PORTE was attempting to report the incident to his insurance company in order to initiate the repair of the window. LA PORTE advised the source that he was having trouble locating the proper insurance company because he could not remember the name of the individual that was listed as owner of the property. Informant stated it was obvious that LA PORTE held several pieces of property in different names, some of which were given to people that he either did not know or had forgotten. It is not known if LA PORTE is the individual who actually resides in the property or whether he has other people living in them. The source stated it was also obvious that LA PORTE has his insurance with several different individuals because he knew that LA PORTE had called various other insurance firms in an attempt to identify who covered the property for glass breakage.

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on February 3, 1965, that his officers have reported to him that LA PORTE's automobile has been observed on frequent occasions in front of his residence at 1730 Cambridge Drive,

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Flossmoor, Illinois. He advised that it is their opinion that for some unknown reason, LA PORTE is now spending considerable time at this house.

Lieutenant [] Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on February 7, 1965, that the Fire Department had recently received a call from the subject's home indicating a fire at the house. He stated that he answered the call also and was admitted into the house along with the firemen. He stated he had an opportunity to go to the basement or lower level of the house and again observed a large conference table and approximately 12 chairs in this section. He observed also, a "tunnel" which he believes leads underground to the home of TED BARTUSIEWICZ, LA PORTE's brother-in-law, who lives immediately next door. He stated the tunnel was dark but that he could see at least three or four feet into the interior and that it was definitely not a closet or other room-type enclosure. When he attempted to further investigate this opening he was immediately removed from the area by a young 25 year old male, who he believes to be LA PORTE's nephew. It was his impression that this young person and his wife are living in the house and possibly caring for the subject's wife whom he did not observe. He stated that investigation by the Fire Department disclosed that there had been a short circuit in the wiring which caused some smoke but did little or no damage to the property.

Lieutenant [] stated that the previous information he furnished indicating that LA PORTE's brother-in-law JAMES ROSS had sold him home in Flossmoor, was apparently not correct inasmuch as he recently noticed that the for sale sign is still exhibited on the lawn and that the sale is being handled by the Tri-Village Reality Company of Chicago Heights.

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ASSOCIATES

[redacted]
Bridgeview, Illinois

CG T-1 advised that an individual named [redacted] is experiencing extreme financial difficulties. He previously operated the Sky-Way Motors, located in Whiting, Indiana. It was recently closed due to foreclosure of a mortgage by a Hammond, Indiana Bank. He later operated the Harvey Car and Truck Center, at 147th and Halsted Street, Harvey, Illinois. An unknown bank is in the process of taking over this operation. [redacted] who works approximately 16 hours a day is very depressed because of his financial failures. During the Christmas season of 1964, he was contacted by two individuals who definitely appeared to be hoodlums. [redacted] indicated to the informant that he normally would never have talked to these individuals and certainly would not have consented to conduct any business with them but because of his being "broke" he was going to do business with them. One of the individuals is a person known as [redacted] also known as [redacted] and his partner's name is [redacted]. [redacted] advised [redacted] that he was an extremely successful businessman who owned a large estate in Arizona and had decided that inasmuch as [redacted] was having financial troubles he would set him up in business. He stated that he would arrange for [redacted] to run a night club for [redacted] and [redacted] in the South Chicago suburban area. When [redacted] told him he knew nothing about the night club business, they advised him that it was not necessary and all that would be required was his good name and his loyalty. [redacted] got the impression that these two

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individuals were partners or in some way connected with FRANK LA PORTE. [] also indicated that he had a friend named [] a former policeman for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, who now has a good job with the Sanitary District, Chicago.

[] appears to be "well healed" but can never be located at work in the Sanitary District. [] again indicated that he appeared to be involved in some type of outside criminal activity.

[] aka.,

[] Hammond, Indiana

Chief of Police CASS LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised on March 12, 1965, that he recently heard that [] presently under Federal ITAR conviction, and LA PORTE have some type of business arrangement regarding gambling in the Gary, Hammond, Indiana area. He stated that this relationship is further implemented by the fact that one of his officers observed LA PORTE and [] in a lengthy conversation at the wake of Mrs. NECASTRO in Calumet City, Illinois. She is the mother of [] who for many years has been one of LA PORTE's "henchmen". CG T-2 advised that [] has purchased a large one story building at 25th and Cline Avenue in Gary, Indiana. He intends to open on Friday, February 15, 1965. It is supposed to be the biggest gambling operation in the area and will be operated similar to the old "Owl Club" in Calumet City. [] are going to manage this operation. CG T-2 advised that he does not know if LA PORTE controls [] He feels sure that LA PORTE has some part of the operation of various

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rackets, as he has often seen TONY FRANZE, LA PORTE's brother-in-law at various joints in Gary. [REDACTED] appears to run all the rackets in East Chicago, Indiana. His main base of operation is the Palace Billiards, 1500 Indianapolis Boulevard.

[REDACTED]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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Chief of Police MARK ORLICK, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that investigation by his officers appear on occasion to be contradictory concerning the activities of the [REDACTED] brothers. On occasions they appear to be part of LA PORTE's payroll based on their activities but on other occasions they give every indication of attempting to ignore LA PORTE's instructions. They conduct themselves in such a manner that is bound to be irritating to LA PORTE and other leaders of organized crime in Chicago Heights. Chief ORLICK stated he could not site specific incidents but their entire general conduct left him confused as to their status in the criminal field.

FRANK LUZI
212 West 29th Place
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-3 advised that LUZI, nephew of FRANK LA PORTE recently suffered a \$5,000 fire at his residence. LUZI indicated to the informant that it was a completely legitimate fire that was started by one of his children. LUZI indicated that "you can't

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take the insurance company everytime" and proceeded to tell him that he had recently reported the theft of his 1964 Buick. He told the insurance company that he had over \$600 worth of golf clubs and other property in the trunk at the time of the theft. He indicated that he had actually stolen the car himself and that there was nothing in the trunk. He did not indicate what he had done with the car. On March 27, 1965, LUZI indicated to the informant that even though he had been convicted in Cook County Criminal Court, he was sure he could have his case "fixed" on appeal if he could raise sufficient money. He indicated that his uncle, LA PORTE, would not give him the money but that other leaders of Chicago crime would come up with enough for him to stay out of jail.

~~FRANK~~ BOMPENSIERO
San Diego, California

CG T-4 advised that LA PORTE and BOMPENSIERO are close personal friends. LA PORTE attempts to visit with BOMPENSIERO each time he travels to California. Informant advised that he does not know if they have any financial or business dealings but is sure they are close personal friends. BOMPENSIERO, according to information furnished by the San Diego Office, has FBI Number 337240 and is believed to have been involved in three "mafia" type murders in 1955. He was convicted of bribery in San Diego, California in connection with the sale of liquor licenses. He served time in San Quentin Prison and is presently on parole to the State of California. He presently resides with his daughter [redacted]
[redacted] San Diego, California, telephone number 279-2484.

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

CG T-2 advised that LA PORTE had given permission to [] to operate a restaurant known as the Arcardia Snack Shop on 14th Street. [] is known to be involved in numerous car thefts and other type illegal activities.

According to the "Chicago Heights Star" five men were arrested on January 17, 1965, during a card game in a backroom at the Arcardia Snack Shop, 331 East 14th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Police identified the men as ANGELO TALARICO, age 40, 3230 Miller, South Chicago Heights, Illinois; LOUIS A. GUILIANI, age 47 of 190 East 23rd Street; PAUL STEVE PETRICEK, age 51 of 296 East 26th Street; JOSE TAMAYO SANCHEZ, age 19, of 1532 Portland Avenue, and PETE JOSEPH TALARICO, age 46, of Joe Orr and Bensley Avenue, all of Chicago Heights. Seven decks of cards and \$61.75 in cash were confiscated by police.

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Previous investigation indicates that the [] operate the Royal Novelty Company. This company is a vending machine company which is alleged to be owned by LA PORTE. [] also known as [] is a well-known convicted burglar who is reported to be on the payroll of the crime syndicate in Chicago Heights.

CG T-3 advised on February 27, 1965, that LA PORTE approximately four years ago spend 20 some thousand dollars fixing up an old garage in Calumet Park, Illinois. This was to be used as one of the big gambling casinos in Cook County, Illinois. As

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As it later developed, LA PORTE felt the "heat" was too much and moved the game to the J and J picnic grove in Will County, Illinois. The garage which is located at 131st and Throop Street in Calumet Park, remained vacant for several years.

On February 27, 1965, Corporal [redacted] [redacted] Illinois State Police, Chicago, Illinois, advised that information had come to the attention of Deputy Superintendent MC MAHAN of the State Police that numerous slot machines were stored in an old abandoned factory near 130th Street in Calumet Park, Illinois. CG T-3 was recontacted and he advised that an associate of his had recently had occasion to enter the garage at 131st and Throop in order to repair a roof leak. He reported that the place was still empty and that no slot machines were stored in the garage. He stated that the garage was large enough to accommodate approximately 300 individuals and gambling equipment.

Informant advised on March 2, 1965, that all gambling operations at Mr. Maxie's at 123rd and Green Street, Calumet Park, Illinois, have been closed. The Cook County Sheriff's Police have instituted legal action against its owner [redacted] to rescind its liquor license because of previous gambling violations. They appear to be taking this attitude because of the trouble they have had with the Chief of Police at Calumet Park. According to the informant the Chief constantly interfered with any arrest the Sheriff's Police attempted to make in his town. The Sheriff apparently has information that the Chief is a part owner or at least received proceeds from the gambling activities at Mr. Maxie's and for this reason they are making a strenuous effort to close its operation.

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POLICE AND POLITICAL TIES

CG T-4 advised on March 24, 1965, that he recently had a conversation with CASEY STEFANIAK who is currently running for mayor of Calumet City, Illinois. During the conversation, STEFANIAK indicated that "One-Armed Jimmy" MONTELLO, RALPH EMERY and FRANK LA PORTE had contributed \$2,000 to his campaign fund. He indicated that if he is elected, LA PORTE will expect him to re-open bookmaking and gambling operations in Calumet City. He indicated that he would probably allow this but that it was doubtful that he would LA PORTE to re-open the night club and houses of prostitution that previously operated on State Street. STEFANIAK stated that he is running against JOSEPH NOVAK who is seeking re-election and is the individual that is responsible for "closing the town".

CG T-2 advised that one of the barmaids in Calumet City was dating a Cook County Sheriff's Police Officer, who advised her in advance of any contemplated vice raids in Calumet City.

TRAVEL

CG T-4 advised that he had spoken with associates of LA PORTE who had stated that LA PORTE intends to travel to California during the first week of April for a combination business and vacation trip. Informant was unable to determine from his contacts the length of time LA PORTE will be gone or his mode of travel.



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Chicago, Illinois
April 13, 1965

Title	FRANK LA PORTE
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	is made to report of Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
Thomas W. Parrish, dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who has a
limited amount of contact with the criminal element
in Chicago.

Chicago T-2 is an individual who is an
admitted gambler at various locations in South Cook
County, Illinois.

Chicago T-3 is an individual who has a
wide acquaintance among the criminal element in the
Chicago area.

Chicago T-4 is an individual who is active
in suburban politics.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub-12)
SUBJ: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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SUMMARY

CG 6795-S* furnished the following information:

On 4/7/65, LA PORTE and an unknown discussed their purchase of a tract of land that LA PORTE doesn't want titled in his name. The conversation, which was not fully audible, appeared to indicate that another partner in this venture is FRANCIS CURRY, Joliet, Illinois. They intend to build an apartment building or buildings on this land. The financing will come from some unknown "downtown bank". LA PORTE stated that they presently had 60% of the money but that 40% remains with the bank.

On 4/8/65, LA PORTE held a conversation with JIMMIE (LNU) and discussed the purchase of ready-mix trucks and indicated that with his connections he could obtain credit in the amount of \$200,000 for the purchase of new equipment. JIMMIE indicated that each truck would cost approximately \$32,000 including a trailer and drum. LA PORTE indicated to JIMMIE that he and FRAN (CURRY) owned 33 1/3% of a shopping center in Joliet, Illinois. LA PORTE wanted to buy the entire center but the deal was never consummated. The stock for this shopping center is held in a trust by the Chicago Title and Trust Company of Chicago, and the government, possibly IRS,

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is attempting to levy a lien against the property. LA PORTE stated that he recently received a letter from the Chicago Title and Trust requesting that he pay \$575. He stated he refused to pay because he could not get a clear release on 17 acres of property that is located in Plainfield, Illinois. JIMMIE (LNU) then began referring to government liens and indicated that he at one time owned 1/5 interest in New Kirk Investments and that the government took over \$18,000 belonging to him because of a tax lien. He stated that [redacted] (phonetic) was involved in this deal. It is noted that approximately two years ago the New Kirk Cement Company, Joliet, Illinois, was involved in a payoff scandal with the Illinois State Police. The owner was subsequently sentenced for violation of federal tax laws and numerous liens placed against the company's assets. Informants previously advised that FRANK LA PORTE and [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, were taking control of the remaining assets left by the New Kirk Company.

JIMMIE (LNU) stated that he has "a man" named [redacted] (phonetic) who has complete access to the files of Chicago Title and Trust. He will have [redacted] determine if LA PORTE's interest in the Joliet shopping center can be released so that LA PORTE can sell it. The two then discussed how the government had a new way of serving tax liens. LA PORTE remarked "They now go to the court house where the property is located, let me explain something. When we were buying your business, the morning that we were ready to pay down the money this guy in order to have - he had a man at the court house in Geneva, he had one in Wheaton, and he had your brother [redacted] in Joliet. Your brother [redacted] will tell you about this. [redacted] that morning, he went in the court house, with a Chicago Title and Trust guy named [redacted] (phonetic). They went to the Recorder's Office and said that 904 on Tuesday February the such and such. Is there any liens, mortgages, judgments, or this or that against the property. They checked it, said no it's free and clear. The Chicago Title and Trust guy went right in and called his office and said it's free and clear, give them a guaranteed title. So we, our guy in Chicago Title and Trust handed us a guaranteed title for all the property in Will County. The same thing happened with the others too. Now if five minutes later someone walked into file a lien it wouldn't be no good against us. The property is already transferred

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so that you don't own it no more. The next morning we walked over to the bank to transfer the money to your brother and Chicago Title and Trust was there. Old man Malone (phonetic) was there, your brother was there, the banker was there and in walked the 'G'. The 'G' said are you transferring the money to, and the 'G' mentioned numerous corporations, and they said yeah. He said I have a levy and it cannot be transferred." LA PORTE then stated that [REDACTED] was real sharp and said that it isn't our contract, the title is already guaranteed, so we knocked the 'G' right out of the (obscene) box."

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LA PORTE stated to JIMMIE that he intends to leave Chicago Heights in the very near future but that JIMMIE would know where to reach him by telephone.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350-Sub 12)
SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF
TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

JUNE

DATE: 4/8/65

RE: Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character of Case AR
Field Office Chicago
Symbol Number CG 6795-C*
Type of Surveillance: (Technical or
Microphone)

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed: 911.
FRANK LA PORTE, 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number
or area covered: 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights,
Illinois, Rear Office

3. Location of monitoring plant;
Chicago Central Plant

4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorization 6/25/64

Installation 10/29/64

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates
and places):

None

6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following
questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized?

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b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard?

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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Memorandum to the AG
4-14-65 JCH/ml

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- d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line?
- e. If a party line, how many parties?
7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:
- One microphone unit installed in office wall
8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:
- No
9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)
- See attached.
10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?
- No
11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:
- None for same type of coverage
12. Has security factor changed since installation?
- No
13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):
- No
14. Cost of Plant Premises: \$50.00 per month for relay apartment and \$12.50 for leased line to Chicago Central Plant.
- a. Rental costs for plant premises: \$50.00
- b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored at same plant. None at relay; 24 at Chicago Central Plant

- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

\$12.50 per month

16. Personnel Costs:

- a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working at plant and total salary costs.

2 - SE	at \$19,040.00 per annum
4 - Clerks	at \$25,200.00 per annum
1 - SA	at \$15,010.00 per annum
	<u>\$59,250.00</u>

- b. Total number of man hours per week spent at plant?

280

- c. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

22 hours per week

- d. If other installations monitored at same plant, list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

\$7,013.00 per annum

17. Remarks (by SAC):

This surveillance continues to encounter some technical problems which prevent full utilization of source. It will be maintained for an additional 90 day period, UACB. The information being gained is not subject to being obtained elsewhere.

18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

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9. Source advised that subject FRANK LA PORTE indicated he had returned to the Chicago area after a vacation in California. He discussed with an unknown party the moving of a "mill" and indicated that the "mine" is only producing \$300 worth of gold and \$240 in silver per ton of ore. An individual who is involved in this apparent mining operation maintains telephone number 421-5473 in Sacramento, California. This would appear to indicate that LA PORTE has reactivated his gold mine known as the New Ford Mine in the Nevada mountains.

LA PORTE indicated that he has some business association with a [redacted] (phonetic).

LA PORTE on March 4, 1965, had a telephonic conversation indicating that he has some part in purchasing or selling the Golden Nugget Gambling Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. He further indicated an association with [redacted] in the purchase or selling of some Las Vegas properties.

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On March 24, 1965, LA PORTE held a conversation with "One Armed JIMMY" MONTELLO where he discussed the fact that he and his associates gave \$2,000 to CASEY STEFANIAK in his attempt to become mayor of Calumet City, Illinois. He indicated that with STEFANIAK's election, Calumet City could again come under the control of the crime syndicate.

SAC, Chicago (92-350 Sub 12)

4/21/65

Director, FBI

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1 - J. D. Donohue
1 - Mr. Kelly

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FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re your FD-143 dated 4/8/65.

Authority granted to continue CG 6795-C* for a 90-day period. It is noted that this source produced only a limited amount of information during the past authorized period. Closely follow the productivity of this source and, if it does not furnish sufficient information to completely justify its continuance, you should recommend that it be discontinued.

NOTE: See memo Gale to Belmont 4/13/65, same caption, JEK:ral.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 13, 1965

FROM : J. H. Gale *JHG*

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SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

This is a recommendation that authority of the Attorney General be requested to continue the microphone surveillance (misur) at the subject's place of business in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Frank LaPorte has a long-time affiliation with racket activity in the Chicago area. He is a close associate of Sam Giancana and other Chicago top hoodlums. It has been reported that LaPorte dominates racket activity in southern Cook County.

Our coverage, which was effected in October, 1964, has provided valuable intelligence information. It has revealed that Sam D'Giovanni, a veteran hoodlum, is still an important cog in underworld activity. Our confidential source has reported that LaPorte is currently negotiating to purchase a substantial interest in the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas. It revealed that [redacted] the prominent hoodlum, may participate in this purchase.

This source has a very good potential to provide significant information regarding the top level of organized criminal activity in Chicago. LaPorte is closely allied with Sam Giancana.

ACTION

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be forwarded to the Attorney General requesting his authority to continue the misur of the subject.

Enclosure *sent 4-14-65*

- 1 - J. D. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 - Mr. Leggett
- 1 - Mr. Kelly

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1 - J.D. Donohue
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. McAndrews
1 - Mr. Leggett
1 - Mr. Kelly

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**RE: FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

A microphone surveillance has been in operation at the Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, since October 29, 1964. This is the business establishment of Frank LaPorte, a key figure in racket activity in Chicago.

Frank LaPorte is closely allied with Samuel Giancana, the powerful underworld leader in the Chicago area. It has been reported LaPorte dominates racket activity in the southern sector of Cook County, Illinois.

Since its activation, our coverage has furnished valuable criminal intelligence information. It has identified many of LaPorte's hoodlum associates and disclosed that he is negotiating to obtain an interest in a Nevada gambling casino.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this microphone surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: See memo Gale to Belmont, same caption, 4/13/65, JEK:ral.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 14, 1965

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Date: 5/17/65

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350 Sub 12)
SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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SUMMARY

CG 6795-C* is presently inactive. Considerable electrical interference has been experienced and efforts are being made to determine the source of this trouble. The Bureau will be kept advised of significant action in this regard.

On 4/24/65, source advised that LA PORTE told two unknowns that he is part owner of the Fratianno Trucking Company in California, and that he needed to get an application for a performance bond so they can get a contract for some unknown Government work. LA PORTE appeared concerned because of the fact that whom they have decided to bond in this matter will have legal ties to the various trucks they operate. He indicated that they have 24 trucks at one location and were intending to bid on a particular job in the near future. At this point, LA PORTE received a phone call from JIMMY (FRATIANNO) inquiring about the performance bond. It should be noted that the San Francisco Office has a pending investigation to determine the owners of the Fratianno Trucking Company. They indicate

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that two cashier's checks issued by the Exchange National Bank of Chicago were issued for \$75,000 and \$150,000 apparently for the purchase of trucks and other equipment. San Francisco requested that a discreet investigation be conducted to determine the source of the money for the issuance of the above checks. This source previously advised that LA PORTE was in contact with his friend, [redacted] concerning a large amount of money. [redacted] is a director of the Exchange National Bank of Chicago.

On 4/27/65, LA PORTE contacted JIMMY FRATIANNO in California and discussed some unknown connection between the trucking company and a large "gravel pit" in Sacramento. He also indicated that his brother-in-law, TONY FRANZE, was still in California handling some matters for him, and that he had another associate that was in Reno, Nevada. He and FRATIANNO discussed arrangements so that FRATIANNO would receive \$5,000 surreptitiously by manipulation of the trucking company's books.

On 4/29/65, [redacted] (LNU) contacted LA PORTE and requested that he "buy into" a restaurant known as the "Big B" located at 10947 South Western Avenue, Chicago. LA PORTE stated that he would take a look at the property and decide if he "wanted in."

On 4/21/65, LA PORTE discussed his present health with an unknown individual and stated that his doctor had increased his "heart pills" from eight to 15 a day, and that he is going to have to have some X-rays taken. He indicated generally that his health was far from excellent.

On 5/11/65, LA PORTE stated to an unknown that he had recently returned to Chicago Heights and indicated that he had been in California. He contacted FRANCIS CURRY in Joliet and the general conversation indicated that LA PORTE had at least six stolen air conditioners available that he intended to furnish to unnamed friends. The machines appear to be stored at an unknown location in Calumet City, Illinois. LA PORTE then called a local unknown individual

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and advised him that he should call an unknown and advise him "that you talk to me (LA PORTE) and talked about forming a new company and ask him about my (LA PORTE's) money."

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Date: **6/9/65**

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-350-Sub 12)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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CG 6795-G* has been discontinued as of 6/8/65. Technical difficulties have rendered the informant unaudible. Bureau property has been recovered.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

- 1 - J. D. Donohue
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 - Mr. Kelly
- 1 - Mr. Leggett

Reference is made to my memorandum of April 14, 1965, concerning a microphone surveillance on the subject at the Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

This is to advise the microphone surveillance of LaPorte has been discontinued.

Respectfully,

SENT	TIME	DATE	BY
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: This microphone, originally installed 10-29-64, was discontinued 6-8-65 inasmuch as technical difficulties rendered the source inoperative. Bureau property has been retrieved.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 16, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: July 12, 1965

FROM : T. J. McAndrews

JUNE

SUBJECT: FRANK LA FORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

In the late afternoon of July 7, 1965, Special Agent Herbert J. Mudd of the San Francisco Office telephonically contacted the Bureau and requested authority to install microphone surveillance coverage at Harveys Wagonwheel Hotel, Stateline, California.

Special Agent Mudd advised that information had been received from a highly confidential source covering Frank Bompensiero, long-time La Cosa Nostra hoodlum, that Frank LaPorte was going to meet with Jimmy Fratianno at Harveys Wagonwheel Hotel. LaPorte is a top-ranking Chicago hoodlum who is known to have invested in Fratianno's trucking business in northern California. Fratianno is a reputed killer currently on parole after serving a sentence for extortion. Fratianno has been identified as a member of La Cosa Nostra.

According to Special Agent Mudd, it is believed that LaPorte was to meet with Fratianno in Stateline, California. Special Agent Mudd pointed out that the local sheriff's office had already rented a room at Harveys Wagonwheel Hotel which could be used in effecting coverage of LaPorte and Fratianno.

Special Agent Mudd advised that he had not as yet determined if full security could be assured for microphone surveillance coverage at this location, and would attempt to obtain clarifying details regarding this matter.

ACTION: Since full security could not be assured for the installation of microphone surveillance coverage of the meeting between Fratianno and LaPorte, Special Agent Mudd was denied authority to install microphone surveillance coverage at this time. Instructions were given to resubmit the request when clarifying details concerning it had been ascertained and if complete security could be assured for the use of this investigative technique.

- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 - J. D. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Leggett
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 Chicago teletype to San Francisco, dated 5/10/65.
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report subject's background and criminal activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report is excessive but it has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
CG T-1 is [redacted] by request	6/9/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, SA [redacted]
CG T-2 is [redacted]	7/7/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-3 is [redacted]	7/30/59	NOT USED
CG T-4 is CG 6795-C*	4/24/65	" "
CG T-5 is [redacted]	March, 1961	SA [redacted]
CG T-6 is PCI [redacted]	7/13/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH. SA [redacted]
CG T-7 is [redacted] Chicago Heights, by request	6/29/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH

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CG T-8 is [redacted] by request	5/17/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, SA [redacted]
CG T-9 is PCI [redacted] [redacted]		SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-10 is a physical surveillance by San Diego FBI		
CG T-11 is [redacted]	5/11/65	SA [redacted]

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Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 7-23-65

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to maintain residence in Flossmoor, Illinois. One brother-in-law JAMES ROSS has recently sold his home next door to subject and believed moving from the area. LA PORTE's additional associates in both legitimate and illegal endeavors set forth. LA PORTE extending his financial arrangements to West Coast travels to that area of more frequent basis.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND AND
PERSONAL HISTORY

Residence

CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on July 13, 1965, that he has not observed LA PORTE at his residence at 1730 Cambridge Road since the last of April, 1965. He advised that officers of his command have constantly been under orders to be alert for the subject's presence in the village and all have reported that he has not been observed in his neighborhood. On several un-named occasions, his officers have reported observing his wife in a wheel chair in the front lawn of his property. They have also reported that on numerous occasions his nephew, [REDACTED] and his wife have been observed, and it is their belief that [REDACTED] is residing in the house and taking care of LA PORTE's wife.

Frequent spot checks at the residence of [REDACTED] Chicago Heights, Illinois, failed to disclose any indication that the subject frequents or resides at the house occupied by his paramour.

Chief CASMIR LINKIEWICZ (NA), Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised on July 13, 1965, that he has conducted frequent checks at 331 Warren Street. He has observed no activity which would indicate the subject is residing or frequenting the residence of his paramour, MARGARET MC GINNIS.

ASSOCIATES

HERMAN (MOTORCYCLE MIKE) ~~DAVID~~
14823 Grant Street,
Dolton, Illinois

CG T-1 advised on June 9, 1965, that HERMAN DAVID is an associate of FRANK LA PORTE and owns part interest in the Yellow Taxi Cab Company at Gary, Indiana. He recently had some trouble with members of the Chicago "outfit" in that they wanted to "cut themselves in" as partners in the operation of the company. DAVID, through his own sources in the "outfit", was able to dissuade them, and he again has complete say-so in the operation of the company. Informant advised that over the years he has had numerous conversations with DAVID and is now convinced that DAVID is not a member of the Chicago "outfit" but that they have "a lot of respect" for him because of his assistance to AL CAPONE during the Prohibition Era in Chicago.

FRANK LUZI, the nephew of FRANK LA PORTE, according to the informant, is a very good friend of MIKE and often stops at his house in Dolton for a social visit as well as to see if any "deals" can be worked out. Informant stated that a girl named [redacted] who until recently was the common law wife of [redacted] partner, [redacted] has a tremendous knowledge concerning hoodlum activities in South Cook County, Illinois. She previously lived in [redacted] house, but he recently forced her to move and she is not receiving any money from [redacted] and may be willing to discuss DAVID's activities. She is residing somewhere on the South Side of Chicago and has several young children who are of school age. Informant advised that [redacted] (phonetic) is the owner of the Beef Steak Inn on Route 34 in Lisle, Illinois, and is tied in with DAVID and the Chicago hoodlums as well as local judges and prostitutes. He has a boat charter company in

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Kingston, Jamaica, and has recently indicated to the informant that he is willing to buy all the hand guns and machine guns that are available. Informant stated that he gained the impression that [redacted] through his charter service, intends to run guns to various South American rebel organizations. Informant advised that GUS RUBINO, Homewood, Illinois, is a former bondsman who recently purchases six stolen Philco air conditioners from local burglars. The conditioners were stolen from the GEORGE STEGER Apartment Buildings on East End Avenue in Chicago Heights. The conditioners ended up in the possession of FRANK LUZI and one of them has been installed in LA PORTE's Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights.

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MIKE DAVID's sons, [redacted] are again operating a house of prostitution in Willow Springs, Illinois. It is not at the same location of their previous place of operation, which was known as the Sportsmen's Club, that was previously under the control of LA PORTE.

Informant advised that another associate of HERMAN and LA PORTE is a 50 some year old individual known as IRISH MURPHY. MURPHY helps the Chicago "outfit" out with their art movie palaces on State Street in Chicago. MURPHY is considered to be rather stupid but will do anything requested of him if it is explained thoroughly so that he can understand. Informant stated that he has heard that MURPHY has been used as a "hit man" in the past. He is presently working as a bartender at Dugan's Bar, Clark and Congress Streets in Chicago.

FRANCIS ~~CURRY~~
Western Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

CG T-2 advised on July 7, 1965, that FRANCIS CURRY continues to operate LA PORTE's interest in Joliet and Will County, Illinois. He recently heard that CURRY

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is also involved in some type of legitimate business with LA PORTE in the State of California. More recently, CURRY and his brother CHARLES are making preparations to start a limousine and leasing service to operate at the Joliet airport. The informant stated that he assumes that LA PORTE is also involved in this effort. CURRY is making a definite attempt to create a respectable reputation because of his feeling that since his daughter married a doctor, he can gain a reputation as a respectable citizen.

CG T-11 advised that LA PORTE is associated in gambling on the far south side of Chicago with RALPH PIERCE and controls [redacted] a "bookie" who takes cuts in excess of \$1,000.00.

ALADENA T. FRATIANNIO
1945 66th Avenue
San Francisco, California

The San Francisco Office advised on May 5, 1965, that investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California, advised that FRATIANNIO purchased 16 trucks from the Solano Tractor and Equipment Company, Dixon, California. The trucks were paid for with two cashier's checks. One was in the amount of \$75,000.00, drawn on the Exchange National Bank of Chicago; and the other for \$150,000.00, was drawn on the Mercantile National Bank of Chicago. Involved in various degrees in this business arrangement, were [redacted] JAMES ROSS, doing business as the Cooperative Trucking Company, FRANCES CURRY, [redacted] and [redacted]. Previous investigation by the Chicago Office disclosed that [redacted] was one of the bankers involved with SAM GIANCANA (Chicago top hoodlum) and LEON MARCUS (murdered in gangland fashion in 1956), involving \$100,000.00 unaccounted-for cash at the Southmoor Bank of Chicago. This \$100,000.00 sum is still unclaimed.

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[redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, is a senior partner in the law firm of [redacted] at that address. This firm for many years have consistently represented LA PORTE and other South Side hoodlums in practically all of their legal entanglements.

CG T-2 advised that JAMES ROSS, 1716 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois, is the brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE. In the past, he has acted as a collector and repairman for LA PORTE's "juke box" operation under the name Cooperative Music Company and Wilco Music Company in Chicago Heights and Joliet, Illinois. Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor Police Department, advised that he has heard that ROSS recently sold his \$80,000.00 home and has stated that he intends to "go out west". CG T-2 advised that FRANCIS CURRY is a long-time hoodlum associate of LA PORTE and is in control of all of LA PORTE's interests in Will County, Illinois.

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, is a practicing attorney. In the early 1940's, he was an attorney for the Justice Department in Washington, D. C.

The San Francisco Office advised that [redacted] [redacted] having an address of 2122 Manhattan Avenue, Chicago Heights, Illinois, was also involved with the Fratianno Trucking Company. A review of pertinent directories for Chicago Heights, Illinois, and Chicago, Illinois, fails to indicate any street named Manhattan Avenue or any individual using the name [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised in 1962 that he was the owner of the Atlas Music Company of Chicago and an officer of the Pioneer Distributing Company. He denied any knowledge of "hoodlums" being involved in juke boxes or vending machine companies in Chicago.

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A review of corporation records for the State of Illinois disclosed that GEORGE D. SAX is chairman of the board of the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, 130 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. According to records of Hills Reports, Inc., 209 West Jackson, Chicago, [redacted] was indicted in November, 1941, by a Peoria, Illinois grand jury on the charge of operating a confidence game; however, no court proceedings were brought forth. There was a questionable identification of [redacted]

An article appearing in the "Chicago Daily News", August 30, 1950, (a daily newspaper), related that GEORGE D. SAX, a director of the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Chicago, and millionaire owner of the Saxony Hotel in Miami, Florida, had been subpoenaed by the Senate Committee investigating crime in politics. According to the article, SAX resides at 1302 Madison Park, owns the Du Page Trust Company, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and in 1948, sold the El Morocco Hotel in Miami Beach, for \$1,250,000.00. The article stated that SAX also owns a hotel in Los Angeles.

An article appeared in the "Chicago Tribune" February 17, 1951, (a daily newspaper), in which Chicago was pictured to the Kefauver Senate Committee as the nation's principal supplier of punch boards and punch cards used in the field of gambling. According to the article, the biggest operators in the punch board field were the family of GEORGE D. SAX, a Chicago banker. This family has done \$23,730,000.00 worth of business selling punch boards in the last eleven years.

CG T-5 advised in March, 1961, that most local labor unions, under the control of JAMES R. HOFFA, are instructed to put their money on deposit at the Exchange National Bank. Informant said that these unions deposit their funds through the chairman of the board, [redacted] who is closely associated with JAMES HOFFA.

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~~PHIL~~ BACINO
121 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City Police Department, advised that BACINO holds a liquor license for a vacant piece of property located at the corner of Torrence and Pulaski Avenues in Calumet City. He has been paying the license fee on this property for several years in the hope that Calumet City will again "open up" and he can construct a "strip joint" for his two sons to operate. The Chief advised that BACINO's son, JOHN BACINO, is engaged to marry a girl from the East, whose family is supposed to be associated with the criminal element on the East Coast. The Chief advised that he recently heard that BACINO made over \$100,000.00 profit in a two year period from the "house rake" of a gambling game he operated in the basement of his restaurant, known as John's Pizzeria.

It is noted that BACINO was born January 2, 1902, at Ribera, Italy, and was arrested under the name of ANGELO ~~BELLO~~ on December 5, 1928, by the Cleveland, Ohio, Police in a hotel room where an alleged mafia grand council meeting was in progress. JOSEPH PROFACI, head of a New York family, was arrested at the same time. In 1935, BACINO shot and killed a former police officer and, on a plea of self-defense, was acquitted.

According to Chief LINKIEWICZ, in more recent years, BACINO has appeared as the liaison officer between LA PORTE and other hoodlums who operate 24 "strip joints" in Calumet City, and local politicians. Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that all but one of the "strip joints" have been closed since 1962. BACINO, by most citizens, is now considered to be a respectable businessman in the community, who contributes to many and various charitable groups.

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ALFRED PILOTTO
1 Country Club Drive
Olympia Fields, Illinois

CG T-6 advised on July 13, 1965, that PILOTTO is a lieutenant of FRANK LA PORTE's who exercises considerable influence in Chicago Heights, Illinois. PILOTTO is a member of the Lincolnshire Country Club and frequently plays golf with [] (bookie), [] (bartender's union), and (FNU) [] PILOTTO is not an officer of the country club but exercises considerable influence regarding club matters over [] a member of the executive board of the club. According to the informant, [] is the owner of a large dairy company in Crete, Illinois, and is supposedly a heavy gambler. Informant stated that [] is possibly on "juice" to PILOTTO's group and for this reason allows him to control his actions at the club.

[] Olympia Fields Police Department, advised on June 28, 1965, that he and his officers continue to conduct frequent spot checks of PILOTTO's residence but have located no automobiles of a suspicious nature. PILOTTO is still attempting to sell his two bedroom house and has reduced the price to \$52,000.00. [] stated that most of the autos observed at PILOTTO's home appear to be connected with various union people. He advised that PILOTTO had recently been re-elected president of Local 5, Hod Carriers and Local Laborers Union in Chicago Heights.

[]
Blue Island, Illinois

CG T-2 advised on May 24, 1965, that he had recently heard that [] is still in trouble with LA PORTE because of the FBI raid of slot machines

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located on [] farm. He stated that [] continues to handle all the refuge collection for the new 25 story federal building in Chicago. This contract was gained, according to the informant, from [] friendship and association with United States Congressman PULCHINSKI, Blue Island, Illinois. [] apparently has over-extended himself financially because Kelly and Orr Furniture Company have turned [] account over to the Ashburn Accounts, 98th and Western for collection of past-due furniture bills. Informant stated that [] continues to be a heavy gambler but does not know if he is winning or losing.

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Associates

~~GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI~~
119th and Bell
Blue Island, Illinois

CG T-3 advised that a conversation with LA PORTE, SAM GIANCANA, GUS ALEX, and other Chicago hoodlums he was advised by LA PORTE that "BABE" TUFFANELLI is not a member of the Chicago "outfit" but that he is left alone in Blue Island, Illinois because he has all the officials in his pocket. He has 20 stops and he is with us for 20 % of the books in Blue Island and Calumet Park. LA PORTE continued that "BABE" formerly had one half of the "action" but that he had to cut him back. LA PORTE indicated that TUFFANELLI is also association with an individual named [redacted] (phonetic). LA PORTE told the informant and the others that [redacted] has concessions "all over" at race tracks, theatres, etc. [redacted] is interested in purchasing 250 machines (tobacco vending machines) in Elgin, Illinois from Modern Vending. LA PORTE indicated that "BABE" would get 10% if [redacted] buys the machines. LA PORTE explained that TUFFANELLI only has a few machines in Blue Island, Illinois and that the town used to be much better when [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] (phonetic) had the gambling. LA PORTE stated that when these two men were there they had "one hell of a crap game." The informant stated that LA PORTE requested permission from GIANCANA to leave from California and that this permission was granted. LA PORTE then discussed the fact that there were two chiefs of police in Calumet Park, Illinois and that because of the unsettled state of affairs he, LA PORTE, is forced to pay both men until the matter is settled as to who is the proper one to assume comand of the police department. LA PORTE told the informant that he was going to open up another gambling game in Calumet Park which will be located near the old Coral Club. The new one is going to be in a large warehouse and garage and LA PORTE has already spent \$8,000 to fix it up.

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LA PORTE told the informant that [] of Harvey, Illinois controls the books but is not with the Chicago "outfit" and is nor related to the [] family in Chicago Heights.

CG T-2 had previously advised that [] in Harvey, Illinois is one of the few people in the Chicago area who operates gambling without the permission of the Chicago "outfit". The reason that [] is allowed to operate is the fact that he has complete control over all the local politicians who would not permit gambling of any type in Harvey if [] was run out of town.

JAMES "The Bomber" CATUARA
10309 South Laramie
Oak Lawn, Illinois

CG T-1 advised that JIMMY CATUARA continues to operate from his home and also has a business office located on 26th Street in Chicago. He does not know the address but it is a tavern and restaurant. During the last election it was used as a polling place for voters. Informant advised that he has heard that if the "outfit" intends to kill a member or anyone else CATUARA will call the individual into the tavern and then have him taken to the basement from which they never return. Informant stated that he has only heard this rumor and has no direct information that it is true. Informant stated that he knows that [] a Chicago bondsman who is a close associate of CATUARA has leased considerable property from the Metropolitan Sanitary District and that the lease is jointly held by [] HERMAN DAVID and [] and CATUARA also owned the property in Dixmoor, Illinois where GUS RUBINO, [] [] operated their stolen auto junk yard.

Informant advised that approximately four years ago "Motorcycle MIKE" DAVID pulled a gun on CATUARA and threatened to shoot him. CATUARA went directly to TONY ACCARDO for permission to have DAVID killed. ACCARDO would not grant

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the permission. The reason for the disagreement was that CATUARA accused MIKE's sons [redacted] of hijacking a load of "outfit" cigarettes and accused MIKE of this matter. Informant said that MIKE is now over 70 years of age and always maintains numerous types of firearms in each room of his house. He is considered extremely dangerous by all the hoodlums and the informant feels that he would not hesitate to kill any police officer that attempted to arrest him. He has indicated to the informant that he thinks he has cancer and that he does not expect to live long and under no circumstances does he intend to spend any of his remaining time in jail so that he would much rather be killed than allow police to take him into custody.

Informant also stated that CATUARA and MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO have the best "safe cracker" in the country working for them. This individual is known as "the old fellow" and also called "the German." He hangs out at the Nightingale Tavern on 26th Street when he is not flying to all parts of the United States to work on various safes.

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-7 advised on June 29, 1965, that LA PORTE, paramour [redacted] maintains regular telephonic contact with him even when he travels to various parts of the country. CG T-2 advised that [redacted] continues to act as owner and manager of the Park Lane Beauty Salon in Calumet Park, Illinois. He understands that the shop is not doing to well because some of the local residents have learned that she and STEVE FRANZE are connected with the hoodlums and are afraid to patronize the shop. On April 22, 1965, a Negro woman driving a 1964 Buick convertible black over maroon and bearing 1965 Illinois license EA 2029, was observed entering [redacted] home. The car is licensed in the name of [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago Heights.

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MARGARET MC GINNIS
331 Warren Avenue,
Calumet City, Illinois

Chief LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Police Department, advised that since early winter the property belonging to MARGARET MC GINNIS has appeared to be vacant except that the sidewalks were always shovelled and kept free of snow.

On April 13, 1965, CG T-7 advised that MARGARET MC GINNIS had reinstituted telephone service at her home at 331 Warren Street, Calumet City. Informant advised that MC GINNIS had previously disconnected telephone service in December of 1964 and indicated that she intended to travel and remain in Phoenix, Arizona for the winter. She advised that she could be contacted by contacting Mrs. RALPH EMERY of 15001 East End Avenue, Dolton, Illinois. Informant advised that this individual is an old time Calumet City "stripper" who is a paramour of RALPH EMERY whose father was previously the leader of organized crime in South Cook County, Illinois, until his death in 1955.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

By letter postmarked May 20, 1965, a handwritten anonymous letter was received at the Chicago Office which reads as follows: "get FRANKIE LA PORTE, chief leader in Chicago Heights, Illinois, controls government departments, attorneys, and rackets, lives in Flossmoor, Illinois. "Also has interest in transport in California and Las Vegas. "Is in with himself and others. "Mr. F. CRRRY, other hood partner to above, lives in Joliet - Music Corporation, Chicago Heights, Wilco - Joliet. "Check their books doing hoodlum business - taking money left and right from top and no taxes." signed "Double crossed former employee."

CG T-8 advised on May 17, 1965, that Chief of Police SWETTS and Calumet Park, Illinois, is tied in with various hoodlums and allows FRANK LA PORTE to operate gambling games at Mr. Maxie's at 123rd and Green Street. LA PORTE

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also has an interest in the Lakeside Oil Company in Calumet Park which is licensed to [redacted] This company has worked out some type of arrangement so that they travel to the Oil Refinery of Standard Oil in the Gary, Indiana area and obtain truck loads of fuel oil without paying for the supplies.

CG T-9 advised on April 23, 1965 he is well acquainted with RALPH EMERY the "outfit" leader in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He stated that he can demand favors of a limited nature from EMERY because he assisted EMERY's brother GEORGE who was recently tried for murder of an individual in Crestwood Illinois. Informant stated that because of his assistance GEORGE EMERY was found guilty of murder but received only a 90 day sentence in the Cook County House of Correction. Informant stated that he has met FRANK LA PORTE and it is obvious that LA PORTE is the boss and tells EMERY what to do. He advised that EMERY recently saw him in a tavern and again stated that if he needed any assistance EMERY would be glad to help him.

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CG T-1 advised on April 15, 1965, that he had recently had a conversation with [redacted] (phonetic), a former associate of hoodlum contractor [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] admitted that he was the individual who committed the arson on an apartment building known as Coronet Village in Harvey, Illinois. He was to receive \$10,000 from [redacted] for setting the fire so that [redacted] could collect insurance on the property. He claimed that he only received \$1,500 from [redacted] and that [redacted] has refused to pay the rest of it because the property was not completely destroyed. [redacted] claims that he had been in contact with "Motorcycle MIKE" DAVID who indicated that he might take the matter up with the "outfit" and would contact [redacted] and either force him to pay the money or "dump him in a trunk." Informant stated that the Crossroads Restaurant, Oak Forest which is owned and operated by RED LARNER, an associate of LA PORTE, purchases most of its meats

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from Stone's Meat Packing Company in Glenwood, Illinois. Informant stated that on several occasions he personally has taken sides of beef to Stone's and that they cut and wrap the meat at an unusual price and ask no questions regarding the identification that is shown on the sides of the beef. Informant stated he personally does not know if they sell stolen beef from the company but feels positive they are far from legitimate in their operations. Informant stated that approximately three weeks ago "Motorcycle MIKE" DAVID's house was burglarized and \$18,000 taken from him. No report was made to the police but DAVID is conducting his own investigation and when he determines the individuals responsible he will have them murdered. At the present time DAVID feels that the theft was committed by either of [redacted] or his partner [redacted] who operates in Indiana. Informant stated that [redacted] would have no compunction to murder [redacted] and on previous occasions had indicated that if he ever sees them again he will kill them because they previously stole engraving plates for Illinois counterfeit automobile titles from him.

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

[redacted] Vice President, Drivers National Bank, 1542 West 47th Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that P & H Builders which is now bankrupt was run by one [redacted]. This concern built a number of apartment buildings at 520-580 Hickory Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois and contracted to have the water softening equipment in these buildings installed by the Miracle Water Company which is owned by [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois, telephone SK 5-4213. He stated that the rumor is that LA PORTE actually owns the company or the apartments on Hickory Street. He has also heard that several of the units in the apartment buildings are occupied by prostitutes. The individual who apparently manages the apartments is a [redacted] a former bail bondsman.

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CG T-2 advised that TONY FRANZE, brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE recently paid an assetment on his new sewer connection at his home and for the first time in the informant's memory it was paid by check rather than in cash. Informant stated that he was able to obtain a photostatic copy of the check. The check is drawn on the Chicago Heights National Bank against the account of the Key Note Club, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

The check was numbered 732 and dated January 3, 1965, made payable to TONY FRANZ in the amount of \$150. The notation at the bottom indicated "return January 1 to February 1, 1965." The check was endorsed TONY FRANZE, 1716 Cambridge, Flossmoor, Illinois, and the second endorsement was THEODORE BARTUSIEWICZ. Informant advised that BARTUSIEWICZ is another brother-in-law of FRANK LA PORTE. The informant is of the opinion that FRANZE has apparently decided to list himself as the owner of the building which is occupied by the Key Note Club, a well known house of prostitution in Chicago Heights.

On June 17, 1965, [redacted] part owner, Burnside Construction Company, Olympic Plaza, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that he is also the owner of Bell Lumber and Supply Company and Best Homes, Inc., both Chicago organizations. For several years he has utilized the services of the Man Power Company known as a nation-wide labor service, 30 North Halsted, Chicago. The company is owned by [redacted]. He pays \$1.45 per man per 1000 feet of lumber that they unload from various freight cars. Approximately six months ago a new labor service company was formed and is known as the Lake Shore Labor Service. The company is supposedly owned by [redacted] indicated that he had received information from unknown employees of Nationwide that Lakeside has been threatening employees of other service groups with bodily injury if they continue to unload lumber for [redacted]. The purpose behind the company is to drive other labor service organizations out of business. After they establish a monopoly they intend to charge \$2.50 an hour but pay the men \$1.25 an hour. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is the same individual who caused the labor pool problem

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at the Civic Auditorium in Chicago known as Mc Cormick Place. [] stated he has no positive proof but understands that LA PORTE and several other Chicago hoodlums are backing STEIN in his effort to obtain a monopoly on day labor companies.

Corporal [] Illinois State Police, Bomb and Arson Unit, advised on July 1, 1965, that he had received information that a Sun Valley Sportsmens Club which he understands is backed by LA PORTE money was to be burned in the near future because it is losing money and they wish to recoup insurance losses. He interviewed the club manager [] and bookkeeper []. He was told that they have approximately 500 members and that the club is operating at a profit. [] pointed out that [] was previously the manager of Little Jack's Restaurant in Joliet, Illinois which supposedly was owned by LA PORTE's associate FRANCES CURRY and was burned a few years ago. According to corporation records the club is owned in part by Attorney [] an attorney for [] and other Chicago Heights individuals who have questionable background.

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The San Francisco Office advised on May 12, 1965, that investigation at Linden, California reveals that LA PORTE may be in the area located at the residence of his sister Mrs. RAY GUADAGNOLA. An automobile belonging to ANTHONY FRANZE, brother-in-law of the subject was observed at this residence; however the subject LA PORTE was not observed.

The San Diego Office advised on May 25, 1965, that the previous day FRANK BOMPENSIERO was advising an informant that FRANK, last name unknown, connected with the trucking industry was in the area of San Diego for an unknown reason.

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On the same date San Francisco advised that ANTHONY FRANZE left Stockton, California by United Airlines for San Francisco and was expected to continue on to Chicago.

On June 25, 1965, San Francisco advised that LA PORTE and TONY FRANZE had been in Linden, California, for approximately one week but were presently en route to Chicago driving FRANZE's 1965 black Imperial.

On July 1, 1965, the San Diego Office advised that LA PORTE and TONY FRANZE were in San Diego and were meeting with FRANK BOMPENSIERO.

On June 30, 1965, TONY FRANZE was observed sitting on the front porch of his brother FRANK FRANZE's home in Flossmoor, Illinois. His Imperial was not observed in any of the inlaws garages or driveways.

San Diego advised on July 7, 1965 that LA PORTE and JIMMY FRATIANNO or TONY FRANZE left San Diego via United Airlines flight at 2:50 p.m. believed travelling to Sacramento, California.

On July 9, 1965, the San Francisco Office advised that LA PORTE was at Lake Tahoe intending to meet with four other individuals named [redacted] all of Chicago and [redacted] of St. Louis, Missouri.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
July 23, 1965

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent
Thomas W. Parrish dated
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Chicago, Illinois
July 1, 1965

FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-CHETEERING

Reference report of Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who is an admitted burglar in South Cook County.

Chicago T-2 is an individual who conducts financial type investigation in Chicago.

Chicago T-5 is an individual who is associated with numerous gamblers in Chicago.

Chicago T-6 is an individual who has a wide acquaintance in the criminal element of the Chicago Heights, Illinois, area.

Chicago T-7 is an employee of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Chicago T-8 is a resident of Calumet Park, Illinois, who has knowledge of political activity in that village.

Chicago T-9 is an individual who has association among the criminal element in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Chicago T-10 is an individual who is in a position to furnish limited information regarding this investigation.

Chicago T-11 is an individual who has considerable knowledge of gamblers and their associates.

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REFERENCE: Chicago report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 7/23/65.
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ENCLOSURE

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Two copies of a characterization of informants memorandum.

LEADS

LOS, ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO

AT LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will maintain contact with logical informants and report this subject's activities when he is in their **division**.

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LAS VEGAS

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA. Will determine subscriber to Nevada license D5639, which is registered on a white 1964 Chevrolet Station Wagon.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate and report subject's background and illegal activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period of this report is extensive. It has been maintained in a current status through interoffice communications.

INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
CG T-1 Physical Surveillance		SA THOMAS W. PARRISH and [redacted]
CG T-2 PCI [redacted]	8/21/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-3 PCI [redacted]		San Francisco Office
CG T-4 [redacted]	9/14, 9/21/65	San Diego Office
CG T-5 PCI [redacted]	8/26/65	SA JOHN R. BASSETT
CG T-6 PCI [redacted]	9/29/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-7 [redacted]	9/23/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-8 PCI [redacted]	10/4/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-9 [redacted]	10/12/65	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH

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Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 11/16/65

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title:

FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject has more frequently been observed at his Flossmoor residence; his activities in California set forth; his illegal activities in Chicago Heights, Illinois identified; legitimate enterprise in Chicago area described; and subject's associates activities reported.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department advised on October 21, 1965, that officers of his command have recently reported observing the subject's car in the driveway of his brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ, in Flossmoor. They have not observed the subject at his residence or at the residence of any of his brother-in-laws in Flossmoor.

CG T-1 advised on October 25, 1965, that at 12:30 PM on that date LA PORTE and BARTUSIEWICZ departed from the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois. BARTUSIEWICZ was driving LA PORTE's 1965 forrest green, Electra 225 Buick, 1965 Illinois license FX 6324. They stopped at the Dixie Governor Motel in East Hazelcrest, Illinois, where the two of them had lunch. Informant advised that they did not meet or speak with anyother individuals during lunch. They continued north and proceeded directly to 131st and Throop Street in Calumet Park, Illinois. At this location they entered a large warehouse. Previous investigation disclosed that this warehouse is owned by LA PORTE, and in 1960 was refurnished at the cost of approximately \$40,000.00 to house a gambling casino. This casino was never opened and has been vacant since that time. From Calumet Park, LA PORTE and BARTUSIEWICZ drove directly to the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois, where they remained for approximately one hour. LA PORTE then took his automobile and drove to Flossmoor where he parked the car in the driveway of BARTUSIEWICZ's residence. He was not observed by the informant entering either his own home or that of BARTUSIEWICZ. Informant previously advised that LA PORTE had been observed at either his residence or the Cooperative Music Company on August 18 and September 6, 1965.

On July 31, 1965, CG T-1 advised that LA PORTE arrived at O'Hare Field, Chicago, Illinois, on American Airlines Flight Number 254. Informant advised that LA PORTE was later met by his brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ, and the two of them left the airport in a 1965 white Buick registered to the Cooperative Music Company, and driven by [redacted] an employee of the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois. They proceeded directly

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to the BARTUSIEWICZ residence, Flossmoor, Illinois, and PIALOTTO continued to his residence in Chicago Heights.

ASSOCIATES

[redacted]
American Mercantile National Bank
Chicago, Illinois

Previous investigation indicated that LA PORTE possibly had made arrangements for a loan from [redacted] of the Mercantile National Bank. [redacted] advised on July 21, 1965, that he was not personally acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago Heights, Illinois, and knows of him only through newspaper notariety. [redacted] admitted that cashiers check number 653908, drawn on the Mercantile National Bank, was issued to [redacted] Flossmoor, Illinois, in the amount of \$150,000.00. The check was issued on the basis of a loan in which [redacted] agreed to repay at the rate of \$3,000.00 per month. The entire amount of the loan totaled \$180,000.00 which included the interest on the installment repayment. As security for this loan, [redacted] agreed to furnish titles for several heavy duty international trucks which were to cost approximately \$20,000.00 per unit. [redacted] stated that he understood the proceeds of the loan were to be used to pay 75% of the total purchase price and to further secure the banks interest obtained lease agreements with the Fratianno Trucking Company in California, who agreed to surrender the trucks in the case of a default. He stated that due to some type of mix-up his bank had recently received titles for eight trucks, most of which carried serial numbers other than numbers that had originally been agreed upon. [redacted] stated that attorneys for the bank and [redacted] were presently in the process of making corrections in this field. He stated that at the present time he could not produce the title mortgages which protected the bank's interest.

[redacted] advised that he first met [redacted] through FRANK FRANZE, who is the owner and manager of the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He has known FRANZE for approximately ten years, and first became aware of him when he had an account at the Guaranty in Chicago, which he, [redacted] had previously been associated with. [redacted] also maintains a personal savings account at the Mercantile National Bank in the amount of

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approximately \$35,000.00. [] stated to him that this amount of money was gained from the recent sale of his residence in Flossmoor, Illinois.

[] denied that he knew that [] and FRANK FRANZE were associates or relatives of LA PORTE. He admitted that this was somewhat unusual to grant a loan in this amount without additional security. He said he allowed a loan on the basis of [] credit rating as well as the credit rating of the Fratianno Trucking Company. [] further admitted that in the past when he had been associated with the Guaranty National Bank of Chicago, he had had some financial dealings with SAM GIANCANA which involved unclaimed cash in the amount of \$100,000.00. He concluded that the loan to [] was granted purely on the basis of good bank financing, and that he did not grant the loan on the basis of any personal association of "so called hoodlums in the Chicago area." He stated that he originally met FRANK FRANZE through an insurance executive that operates Coronet Insurance Company on Peterson Avenue in Chicago. This individual's name is [] LLL.

Previous investigation in this matter disclosed that [] has been associated with LA PORTE in several previous business operations including a one half million dollar real estate project known as Normandy Villa, and also ownership of Park-In Liquors in Calumet City, Illinois.

ALFRED PILOTTO
1 Country Club Drive
Olympia Fields, Illinois

CG T-2 advised on August 21, 1965, that ALFRED PILOTTO is LA PORTE's number one man in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He understands that PILOTTO and LA PORTE are financing at least three "a-go-go" clubs in the Chicago area which are being operated by []

Informant stated that for many years the [] brothers have been active in prostitution, stolen cars, and numerous other illegal activities in the Brown Derby A-Go-Go, Lansing, Illinois, the Miami Club on Keene Avenue, Willow Springs, Illinois, and the other Willow Springs A-Go-Go Club, and also the ones currently being operated by [] brothers. Informant is of the opinion that PILOTTO and LA PORTE take no active interest in the management of the three clubs, but that they do receive percentage of the profits.

ILL According to the source the girls who are employed by the clubs are former prostitutes that are working for the [redacted] of Chicago Heights. Informant is of the opinion that the clubs are being operated legitimately and make considerable profit for all the parties concerned.

JAMES TORTORIELLO
Berwyn, Illinois

TORTORIELLO has been in contact with LA PORTE or other west coast hoodlums, and is allegedly traveling to South and Central America to organize a gambling network for LA PORTE and other Chicago hoodlums. In the summer of 1965, TORTORIELLO had been in contact with [redacted] who presently resides in San Diego, California, but was formerly from the Chicago area.

Lieutenant [redacted] Dalton, Illinois Police Department, advised on October 30, 1965, that on October 29, 1965, he observed TORTORIELLO entering Dalton Liquors in Dalton, Illinois. TORTORIELLO was carrying a brief case or packet which in his opinion contained "punch boards" or "jar games." Lieutenant [redacted] stated that TORTORIELLO is presently working for a HY LARNER out in the Cross Roads Restaurant in Oak Forest, Illinois. Lieutenant [redacted] advised he expected to obtain the assistance of the Cook County Stats Attorney's Police and in the near future arrest TORTORIELLO for his gambling activities in the City of Dalton. He stated that he would provide photographs of TORTORIELLO in the event that he was successful in arresting him for gambling.

RAYMOND GUADAGNOLA
Linden, California

CG T-3 advised on September 18, 1965, that he had observed photographs of LA PORTE, BARTUSIEWICZ, and ANTHONY PETER FRANZE. He identified these photographs as being identical to individuals he has observed at the residence of GUADAGNOLA on July 31, 1965. He advised that FRANZE was the individual he observed driving a 1965 black Chrysler Imperial sedan, to the GUADAGNOLA residence and had observed him at this location as late as June 18, 1965, when FRANZE and LA PORTE apparently left Linden, California to return to Chicago, Illinois.

Investigation by the San Francisco Office discloses that a new home is being built next door to the residence of GUADAGNOLA, and is nearing completion. The house is located on property owned by GUADAGNOLA, but to date it is not known who will occupy the new home. Previous investigation reflects that GUADAGNOLA is a brother-in-law to LA PORTE and that LA PORTE purchased the Linden residence for his sister JENNIE GUADAGNOLA, approximately ten years ago.

Chicago sources have furnished no indication as to whether LA PORTE contemplates retiring to the California area.

On October 23, 1965, LA PORTE was observed at the residence of GUADAGNOLA in Linden, California. He was alone and had apparently been driven there by some unknown individual. After his arrival a man, his wife, and two children, paid a visit to LA PORTE. This individual was driving a late model Cadillac bearing Illinois license BA 2811. Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles reflect that this number is registered to [redacted] [redacted] Arlington Heights, Illinois, for a Cadillac. (Arlington Heights, Illinois is a north side suburb.) From preliminary inquiries [redacted] is not known to be involved in any type of illegal activity.

The Los Angeles Office advised on October 20, 1965, that on October 18, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted] Acting Commander, Intelligence Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, telephonically advised that FRATIANNO was picked up at the Las Vegas Airport by the Clark County Sheriff's Office and taken to the Sheriff's Office for interrogation. Lieutenant [redacted] advised that following his release by the Sheriff's Office, FRATIANNO took a 7:45 PM flight to Los Angeles. [redacted] stated he had made arrangements for FRATIANNO's activities to be covered following his arrival at the airport.

On October 19, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted] advised that FRATIANNO rented an automobile from Hertz-U-Drive on arrival at Los Angeles International Airport. He drove to the Brown Derby Restaurant in Beverly Hills where he met FRANK BOMPENSIERO and FRANK LA PORTE. Lieutenant [redacted] stated an intelligence officer talked to FRATIANNO at the restaurant and he indicated he was having dinner with two business associates in his trucking company.

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FRATIANNO stated he was proceeding to Bakersfield on October 19, 1965, and was attempting to obtain a sub-contract for hauling dirt from the planned to drive to Fresno and return home in Sacramento on Wednesday, October 20, 1965. Lieutenant [] stated that the surveillance officers determined that LA PORTE and BOMPENSIERO were staying at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and he had requested the Beverly Hills Police Department to cover this hotel. Lieutenant [] subsequently advised that the Beverly Hills Police Department determined LA PORTE occupied Room 430 and BOMPENSIERO occupied Room 401 under the name of FRANK GAVIN. A check of hotel records indicated LA PORTE called Area Code 209, telephone 736-2333, which is listed to [] California. BOMPENSIERO called Chicago, Area Code 312, telephone 754-3246, and Area Code 916, telephone 421-5073, which is listed to FRATIANNO in Sacramento, California. Beverly Hills police checked the two rooms registered to LA PORTE and BOMPENSIERO and determined that they had not slept there; however, LA PORTE showed up at approximately 7:15 AM, October 19, 1965, and checked out paying for both rooms. In going through the rooms, Beverly Hills police found a note in the waste paper basket of the room occupied by BOMPENSIERO, which stated "From the Bev, meet you Wood Hotel, 5 PM tomorrow." When checking at the hotel Beverly Hills police determined BOMPENSIERO had registered at the hotel on August 25-26, 1965, under the name of GAVIN.

On October 20, 1965, Lieutenant [] advised that he had been informed by the Chicago Police that telephone 754-3246 was listed to [] Chicago Heights, Illinois.

~~FRANK BOMPENSIERO~~
San Diego, California

CG T-4 advised that in a recent conversation with BOMPENSIERO he stated that he maintained frequent contact with JIMMY FRATIANNO, Sacramento, California, and FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago. Informant stated that all three of the above individuals are tied in to operations regarding the Fratianno Trucking Company at Sacramento. Informant stated that LA PORTE has been in recent contact with FRATIANNO and is interested in furnishing money to purchase a hotel casino set up in the State of Nevada. LA PORTE indicated to the informant that the

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place he is interested in buying was also being sought by other Las Vegas personalities including [redacted] the former owner of the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas. Informant advised that LA PORTE did not discuss the details concerning the deal but apparently are involved with individuals named [redacted]. Informant does not have information indicating where LA PORTE expects to obtain money or finances in the event he is successful in obtaining Las Vegas property.

JOSEPH GUZZINO
1065 Wentworth
Calumet City, Illinois

JOE GUZZINO

CG T-1 advised on August 5, 1965, that GUZZINO was observed entering Gingres and Coldren Tax Service, 1488 Aberdeen, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant stated that he left this address and drove directly to the Cooperative Music Company. Informant stated that at this same time LA PORTE's personal Buick was also observed in the Cooperative Music Company. After approximately one half hour in the car, GUZZINO proceeded to the Dis and Dat Club which is owned by "BLACK" MIKE CONSTIBLE.

CG T-5 advised on August 26, 1965, that he recently heard that JOE GUZZINO, "BLACK" MIKE CONSTIBLE, and RALPH EMERY, are angry with LA PORTE. According to informant LA PORTE previously instituted a type of hoodlum pension fund several years ago which required a large number of hoodlums to contribute or invest a sum of money at speculated intervals. At the present time several of these contributors are broke because of increased police attention to gambling and other illegal activities in the area. These individuals have made an appeal to LA PORTE to withdraw funds from the "Pension Fund", but have been refused. Informant stated that there is considerable discussion among the lower level hoodlums as to whether they should take their plea to higher authority in the hoodlum realm.

Informant stated that JOE FRANZE is currently in Scotsdale, Arizona, and has also been spending part of his time at the Lake Tahoe, Nevada area, at an unknown resort. Previous investigation disclosed that JOE FRANZE is the brother of TONY and FRANK FRANZE. He is the owner and operator of the Dalton Liquors in Dalton, Illinois. The October 31, 1965 edition of the Chicago Heights Star (bi weekly newspaper), contained an article which reads in part that JOANNE A. TERMINI was married to

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ERNEST P. SIRIANI, JR. of 929 West 8th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The bridesmaids were KAREN TOSI, GENEFER FRANZE, EILEEN BENDITTO, ROSANNE GUZZO, and RENE DI GUCILIO. Ushers were DENNIS FRANZE, STEVE FRANZE, PETER DI GIULO, GLEN FRANZE, RAYMOND AMBROSINI, and TOM CAPELLO. Mr. SIRIANI is employed at Ernie's Liquors in Chicago Heights. SIRIANI is a brother-in-law of TONY and FRANK FRANZE of Flossmoor, Illinois.

[redacted]
Exchange National Bank
Chicago, Illinois

Previous investigation disclosed that part of the financing for the Fratianno Trucking Company was obtained from the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Illinois. Recently a Minneapolis Federal Grand Jury indicted 16 individuals for Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property. Among those indicted were three vice presidents of the Exchange National Bank of Chicago, including [redacted] a close relative of [redacted] the President or chairman of the board of that bank. Previous investigation indicated that [redacted] is closely associated with JAMES HOFFA of the Teamsters Union, and that previously his family had been involved in the manufacturing and selling of punch boards and other gambling type games. J.L.L.

[redacted]
Honolulu, Hawaii

Previous investigation indicated that FRANK LA PORTE was to meet an individual from Hawaii in 1959, to discuss obtaining tobacco and other items of legitimate business. The Honolulu Office advised on August 10, 1965, that [redacted] is currently President of Hawaii National Bank, Honolulu. He is involved in extensive real estate investments and was known to have visited Las Vegas, Nevada, with his family on August 13, 1959.

[redacted] is described as a reputable banker and business man in Honolulu and is known to attain considerable financial success in connection with local land investments, particularly involving an area adjacent to the Honolulu International Airport, under the corporate name Loyalty Investment and Development Company.

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On August 2, 1965, [] expressed the feeling that he would probably know of any investments by criminal syndicates or hoodlums, and that he was not aware that hoodlums had invested in any form of legitimate business front or otherwise. He also stated he was not aware of any Hawaiian money being invested in any mainland enterprise, suspected of hoodlum or syndicate covers. Investigation by the Honolulu Office failed to indicate any link between [] and any known hoodlum elements.

PHIL BACINO
121 State Street
Calumet City, Illinois

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CG T-2 advised on October 18, 1965, that LA PORTE, friend and associate of PHIL BACINO, traveled to Hot Springs, Arkansas, last January accompanied by Judge JOHN PAVLIK, a judge in the Civil Division of the Cook County Circuit Court. PAVLIK had previously been a municipal judge in Calumet City, Illinois.

Informant advised that BACINO's son was married in August to a girl from New Jersey, whose last name is []. He understood that several of Chicago area hoodlums attended the wedding and assumed that LA PORTE was one of the individuals who traveled to Elizabeth, New Jersey for the wedding.

Chief CASMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised that he understood from several of his undercover sources that BACINO's son was married with the approval of the syndicate in both Chicago and New Jersey. He advised he had no information concerning the background of BACINO's bride.

"CHUCKIE" ENGLISH
1131 Lathrup
River Forrest, Illinois

On October 30, 1965, "CHUCKIE" ENGLISH, who had previously been described a Chicago top hoodlum, was interviewed in front of his business known as the Loma Company, in Chicago.

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He advised that he was acquainted with FRANK LA PORTE, but that LA PORTE had never visited him at his office or any other location. ENGLISH refused to further discuss his association with LA PORTE or other Chicago hoodlums.

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La Jolla, California

Previous investigation by the Chicago Division discloses that [REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] Flossmoor, Illinois. Chief JEROME STEVINSON, Olympia Fields, Illinois, advised that [REDACTED] was an independent land developer who is rumored to operate as a "front man" for FRANK LA PORTE and MANNY SKAR. SKAR was murdered in gangland fashion in October, 1965. He previously operated the \$10,000,000 Sahara Motel in Chicago. This motel received considerable newspaper notariety as being the front for the Chicago syndicate. [REDACTED] left the Chicago area in 1961 for a unknown reason. Prior to his leaving, his residence was burglarized and he reported over \$10,000 loss of firearms and other equipment. Chief STEVINSON advised that the crime is still unsolved and it is his opinion that the burglary was not legitimate and that [REDACTED] made the report in order to obtain an insurance fraud.

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The San Diego Office advised that [REDACTED] was possibly in contact with FRANK LA PORTE in the recent past. No record for [REDACTED] was located in the San Diego Police Department, or Sheriff's Office. The Merchants Credit Bureau files reflect [REDACTED] male Negro American, age about 44 years, wife [REDACTED] APPROX. 1921 [REDACTED] had previously resided at 11811 South Hale Street, Chicago, 8549 East 29th Street, Tucson, Arizona, and 100 Greymoor Lane, Flossmoor, Illinois. [REDACTED] is listed as a self employed builder and land developer, as of October, 1964. He maintains an office at 4033 El Zajon Boulevard, San Diego, California.

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISE

CG T-6 advised on September 29, 1965, that LA PORTE's nephew, FRANK LUZI, and a former Chicago Heights policeman, [redacted] are opening a "teenage a-go-go" club in an abandoned syndicate gambling casino at 131st and Throop Street, Calumet Park, Illinois. This casino is owned by LA PORTE, and in 1960 was set up to take over the gambling activities of the Old Owl Club in Calumet City, Illinois.

CG T-2 advised on September 30, 1965, that LA PORTE's nephew is operating a place known as the Eagles A-Go-Go in Calumet Park, Illinois. The license is in the name of [redacted] [redacted] The money behind the club is actually furnished by LA PORTE.

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CG T-7 advised on September 23, 1965, that the LA PORTE organization controller is [redacted] of the Cook County Sheriff's Office. [redacted] is closely associated with [redacted] and LA PORTE's nephew FRANK LUZI. They operate the R.B. Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

The July 11, 1965 edition of the Chicago Heights Star contained an article which reads in part as follows:

Two youths escaped with \$150.00 after pilfering the money from a cash register at Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

[redacted] 29, a clerk, told police she was in a back room when she heard a noise in the main part of the store. When she investigated, she discovered the youths leaning over the counter taking the money from the cash register. She said she chased the youths and grabbed one of them, but he pushed her to the floor and fled through an alley. She was not injured.

CG T-1 advised on September 1, 1965, that the Wilco Music and Tobacco Company, 1323 Ravner Street, Joliet, Illinois, was recently visited by [redacted] an employee of the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights. Informant advised that he observed several "juke boxes", but could not observe any slot machines.

Doctor [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois Police Commissioner, advised on September 13, 1965, that in a recent conversation with Doctor [redacted] Highland, Indiana, Doctor [redacted] advised him that his brother is a co-owner with one [redacted] of the Red Wheel Restaurant in Chicago Heights. [redacted] advised that his brother had made arrangements with the Skyline Disposal Company to handle the refuse of the restaurant. The service was so bad and the charges were so high that the restaurant decided not to continue with the company. A company from Indiana was asked to handle the job; however, this company allegedly was pressed and harassed by the Skyline Disposal Company to the point that they refused to handle the disposal for the restaurant. It is noted that the Skyline Disposal Company is operated by JOE LA PORTE, a relative of FRANK LA PORTE.

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

CG T-8 advised that [redacted] of Chicago Heights, Illinois, were going to lean out to "him" slot machines. [redacted] went to the Cooperative Music Company and asked one of LA PORTE's associates to obtain a slot machine for him. LA PORTE subsequently found out that [redacted] intended to rob various slot machines in the area and was "quite unhappy." [redacted] was called in by LA PORTE and supposedly attempted to lay the blame on another unknown individual. Informant later heard that unless [redacted] straightened this matter out, he may be "found in a trunk." This informant advised that FRANK LUZI and [redacted] are the individuals who oversee the policy operation for LA PORTE in East Chicago Heights, Illinois. The actual operation of the policy wheel is handled by [redacted] who resides in East Chicago Heights, and who presently has a son on the Chicago Heights Police Department.

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Detective [] Chicago Heights, Illinois Police Department, advised on August 31, 1965, that he had received information that [] and two other individuals were planning to burglarize the home of [] [] Crete, Illinois.

[] related this information to Chief BENNET of Crete, Illinois, and suggested that the matter be kept highly confidential, and that he should pick some trusted police officers to surveil the house and attempt to catch these individuals in the act. Instead the Chief went directly to [] and told him of the plot. [] allegedly made a telephone call to FRANK LA PORTE, and LA PORTE is alleged to have called [] to his home in Flossmoor, Illinois, on the night of August 30, 1965. LA PORTE allegedly threatened to kill [] if he continued to cause trouble to his "friends."

CG T-9 advised on October 12, 1965, that LA PORTE and JIMMY "The Bomber" CATUARA were partners in numerous taverns and gambling operations and are close associates. Informant recalled the fact that VINCE RUBINO was a partner of CATUARA's son [] in the Ace Bonding business, and that LA PORTE's nephew FRANK LUZI owned the F & L Bonding Company. Approximately two years ago RUBINO was hit by a shotgun blast in the leg, by an unknown assailant. CATUARA told him that this was not a syndicate problem and that he and LA PORTE were not involved in it. Informant was of the opinion that LUZI had RUBINO shot as a warning, because RUBINO was attempting to take over too much of the bonding business. Source stated that LA PORTE is still active in the Chicago Heights area, and that he and AL PAIOTO are the financial backers behind []

Informant advised that LA PORTE is also acquainted and friendly with SAM DE STEFANO who recently admitted to the informant that he killed LEO FOHRMAN, and sincerely feels that he should be thanked by law enforcement officials and hoodlums by ridding them of such an individual. Informant described [] as a man who has committed unspeakable types of abuse on individuals that he felt "crossed him."

CG 92-920

Chief of Police MARK ORLICK, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised that he recently heard from an undisclosed source which he considers fairly reliable, that FRANK LA PORTE and Mayor MARINO RICHTON of Chicago Heights, and JOE BARRETT, Spotsville, Kentucky, are putting up the money or are involved in some way with the building of a new multi million dollar Holiday Motel in Chicago Heights. He stated he could not verify the above information and does not know if it is factual.



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Chicago, Illinois
Nov. 15, 1965

92-920

Title FRANK LA PORTE

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Reference is made to report of
Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FRANK LA PORTE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who has knowledge of
criminal activities in South Cook County, Illinois.

CG T-2 is an individual who associates with
gambling departments.

CG T-3 is an individual who occasionally is in a
position to furnish information regarding activities of
various hoodlums.

CG T-4 is an individual who is frequently in contact
with the organized Italian hoodlum element.

CG T-5 is an individual who is in a position to
occasionally furnish information regarding Chicago Heights
hoodlums.

CG T-6 is the gambling in Chicago Heights,
Illinois.

CG T-7 is an individual who has furnished information
regarding hoodlums activities in South Cook County, Illinois.

CG T-8 is an individual who associates with hoodlum
elements in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

CG T-9 is an individual who is in frequent contact
with hoodlums.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

January 27 1966

Informant advises Chicago top hoodlum Frank LaPorte and unnamed associates plan to buy a gambling casino in Las Vegas or Lake Tahoe, Nevada, area. LaPorte previously reported making offer to arrange \$10,000,000 Teamster loan to Harrahs Club, Lake Tahoe, which offer refused by owner. LaPorte is apparently shifting his financial holdings to West Coast.

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TO DIRECTOR (92-5793)

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Wick	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Anti-racketeering

FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT LA PORTE AND OTHER

UNNAMED ASSOCIATES INTEND TO PURCHASE GAMBLING CASINO IN LAS VEGAS
OR LAKE TAHOE AREA.

LAS VEGAS ADVISED THAT LA PORTE, JAMES FRATIENNO, SAN FRANCISCO
LA ROSA NOSTRA
LCN MEMBER, AND ANTHONY FRANZE (BROTHER-IN-LAW OF LA PORTE) STAYED
AT SAHARA TAHOE HOTEL AND HAD A MEETING TO PURCHASE [REDACTED]
WADSWORTH PROPERTIES. LA PORTE ALSO ALLEGED TO HAVE HELD A MEETING
WITH GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS CONTROLLING SOUTH TAHOE NUGGET.

PREVIOUS INFO INDICATES THAT LA PORTE OFFERED TO ARRANGE TEN
MILLION DOLLAR TEAMSTERS LOAN TO HARRAHS CLUB IN LAKE TAHOE, WHICH
OFFER REFUSED BY OWNER.

EVALUATION OF AVAILABLE INFO INDICATES LA PORTE IS GRADUALLY
SHIFTING MOST OF HIS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS FROM CHICAGO TO WEST COAST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5793)

DATE: 3/1/66

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-920)

SUBJECT: FRANK LA PORTE, aka
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Re Bureau airtel dated 1/31/66 entitled
"CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

Review of the Chicago files discloses that
the subject has FBI Number 261150E. He has no relative
who has been listed or shown to be a member of organized
crime or the LCN.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

3/2/66

Indiana State Police recovered body of Clarence H. Forrest in trunk of his car in St. John, Indiana, 3/1/66. Forrest, who had been shot twice, was bartender at Eagle's A-Go-Go Club, Calumet Park, Illinois, formerly owned by Chicago hoodlums Anthony Accardo and Frank LaPorte and currently the property of a sister of LaPorte. Present operator of this club recently arrested by Bureau as member of stolen car ring and Chicago indicates Forrest may have been killed because he was suspected of informing on members of car ring. Forrest not a Bureau informant.

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A collection of handwritten signatures and initials in dark ink. There is a large, stylized signature that appears to be 'JGL' or similar, positioned above the typed name 'JGL:tjm:djg'. To the right of this, there are several other signatures and initials, including one that looks like 'tjm', another that looks like 'djg', and several others that are less legible, possibly 'R', 'alt', and 'J. Jones'.

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ANTI RACKETEERING
FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO..CHICAGO.

FOR INFO BUREAU, EAGLES A -GO-GO CLUB, CALUMET PARK, ILL., FORMERLY
OPERATED BY LA PORTE AND ANTHONY ACCARDO AS CORAL CLUB, A GAMBLING
CASINO. [REDACTED] HOODLUM FRONT AND CURRENT OPERATOR OF CLUB,
RECENTLY ARRESTED BY FBI IN CLUB ON ITSMV CHARGE ARISING OUT OF STOLEN
CAR RING. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES CLUB PROPERTY OWNED BY NATALIE
BARTUSIEWICZ, SISTER OF LA PORTE.

INDIANA STATE POLICE RECOVERED BODY OF CLARENCE H. FORREST IN
TRUNK OF HIS CAR IN ST. JOHN, INDIANA, MARCH ONE, LAST. FORREST
HAD BEEN SHOT TWICE IN GANGLAND STYLE. NOTED FORREST WAS BARTENDER
AT EAGLES A-GO-GO CLUB AND LAST SEEN AT CLUB FEB. TWENTY SIX, LAST.

CHICAGO DIVISION IN RECEIPT OF INFO THAT [REDACTED] AND OTHER HOODLUMS
HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DISCOVER INFORMANT WHO FURNISHED INFO RE CAR
THEFTS AND GAMBLING AT CLUB AND MAY HAVE SUSPECTED FORREST THIS REGARD;
HOWEVER, FORREST ~~NO XXX~~ NOT KNOWN TO BE INFORMANT.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

March 1, 1966

Chicago informants report that the LaPorte group in Chicago ~~was~~ responsible for the gangland slaying of Clarence H. Forrest, bartender at the Eagles A-Go-Go Club, Calumet Park, Illinois, a gambling casino operated by Chicago top hoodlum Frank LaPorte. Forrest's body was found in the trunk of his car by Indiana State Police March 1 in St. John, Indiana. Informants advise Forrest suspected by LaPorte group of informing on group's activities to opposing racket group headed by James Torello and this is reason for killing. Two suspects, one of whom is Blue Island, Illinois, police officer, developed by local authorities who are considering requesting Bureau assistance under Unlawful Flight.

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TO DIRECTOR (92-5793)

FROM CHICAGO (92-920) 2P

^{Anti-racketeering}
FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

REMYTEL MARCH TWO LAST CONCERNING GANGLAND SLAYING OF CLARENCE
H. FORREST, BARTENDER AT "EAGLES A-GO-GO", CALUMET PARK, ILL.

CHICAGO SOURCES ADVISE FORREST REPORTEDLY MURDERED BY LA PORTE
GROUP BECAUSE OF FACTIONAL DISPUTE WITH JAMES "TURK" TORELLO GROUP.
NOTED TORELLO IS LEADING LIEUTENANT OF FIORE BUCCIERI.

AS BUREAU AWARE, LA PORTE GRADUALLY DISPOSING OF CHICAGO
INTERESTS AND INVESTING HEAVILY IN CALIFORNIA. THIS HAS CREATED
A VACUUM IN SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY AND SEVERAL HOODLUM GROUPS HAVE
BEEN VYING FOR CONTROL OF REMAINING RACKET OPPORTUNITIES.

SOURCES CLAIM FORREST WAS SPYING ON LA PORTE GROUP FOR TORELLO
AND DIARY MAINTAINED BY FORREST UNDOUBTEDLY DISCOVERED BY LA PORTE
GROUP AND LED TO KILLING.

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NOTED THAT GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI, LA PORTE'S GAMBLING BOSS, BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS, AND SGT. [REDACTED] BLUE ISLAND, POLICE OFFICER, REPORTEDLY LEFT FOR LAS VEGAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MURDER. [REDACTED] LONG TIME ASSOCIATE AND CHAUFFEUR FOR TUFFANELLI. TUFFANELLI DAUGHTER, [REDACTED] EMPLOYED AT EAGLES CLUB AND WAS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED IN FORREST DIARY. COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE PRESENTLY REQUESTING LAS VEGAS SHERIFF TO LOCATE AND INTERROGATE TUFFANELLI AND [REDACTED]

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ANONYMOUS SOURCE ADVISED FORREST KILLED IN NORVELLS RESTAURANT, CALUMET PARK, BY [REDACTED] AND IN FRONT OF SEVERAL WITNESSES. LOCAL ^{UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION} AUTHORITIES INDICATE THAT REQUEST FOR UFAP WILL BE MADE IF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OBTAINED TO INDICT TUFFANELLI AND [REDACTED] FOR FORREST MURDER.

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FRANK LA PORTE, AKA. AR. OO CHICAGO.

REMYTEL MARCH FOUR LAST RE GANGLAND SLAYING OF CLARENCE H. FORREST, BARTENDER AT EAGLES A-GO-GO, CALUMET PARK, ILL., OWNED BY LA PORTE.

INFO RECEIVED AND VERIFIED THAT SUSPECT SGT. [REDACTED] BLUE ISLAND POLICE, PURCHASED TWO TICKETS ON SANTA FE RR FOR SAN FRANCISCO UNDER NAMES [REDACTED] SHORTLY AFTER MURDER OF FORREST. GEORGE "BABE" TUFFANELLI, LA PORTE'S GAMBLING BOSS BLUE ISLAND, ALLEGED TO BE OTHER PASSENGER. THEY DETRAINED AT KINGMAN, ARIZONA, RENTED A CAR AND DROVE TO LAS VEGAS. THIS METHOD APPARENTLY USED TO AVOID DETECTION OF CLARKE COUNTY POLICE AT PUBLIC TERMINALS.

[REDACTED] INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY WAS TOLD HE WILL BE ABLE TO RECOVER BACK PAY WHEN INVESTIGATION RESOLVED.

AM INFO COPIES LAS VEGAS AND SAN FRANCISCO
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 3-24-66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/15/66 - 3/9/66
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED FRANK LA PORTE, aka Frank Peters		REPORT MADE BY SA THOMAS W. PARRISH	TYPED BY MLB
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

The title of this report is being changed to reflect the additional alias recently used by the subject in Las Vegas.

REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 11/15/66, at Chicago.

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU (2)

Two copies of a characterization of informants memorandum.

Pending Over One Year - Yes
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LEADS

LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, LAS VEGAS, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Will continue to maintain contact with logical informants and report subject's activities when he is in their respective divisions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period of this report is extensive. It was maintained in a current status through Bureau teletypes and Interoffice communications.

It is further noted that San Francisco and San Diego Divisions have reported IA PORT's activities while in those areas under their investigation of JAMES FRATIANNI and FRANK BOMPENSIERO.

INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent</u>
CG T-1 is PCI [redacted] [redacted]	3/11/66	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-2 is [redacted] [redacted]	2/18/66	SA [redacted] [redacted]
CG T-3 is [redacted] [redacted]	1/19/66	SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
CG T-4 is [redacted]	2/18/66	SA [redacted] [redacted]
CG T-5 is [redacted] IRS Agent by request	2/21/66	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-6 is [redacted]	2/21/66	SA [redacted] [redacted]
CG T-7 is [redacted]	12/2/65	SA [redacted] [redacted]

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Information regarding toll calls from phone of FRANK
FRANZE was furnished by [redacted] Security Department,
Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
Date: 3-24-66

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject's activities in the Chicago area set forth. Sources state he is gradually retiring from active leadership in organized crime and is moving his financial investments to California and Nevada. Sources state that LA PORTE recently had a fight with his paramour, [redacted] Efforts to locate and reinterview [redacted] negative. Gangland type killing of CLARENCE FORREST believed to have occurred in A-Go Go Club owned by subject's sister NATALIE BARTUSIEWICZ in Calumet Park, Illinois. Subject's additional legitimate enterprise set forth.

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DETAILS:

Residence

Chief CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on March 2, 1966, that officers of his command continue to make frequent spot checks of the subject and his relatives who reside in Flossmoor. In the recent past, the subject's 1966 blue Buick 225 Electra, has been observed parked in the driveway of his brother-in-law, TED BARTUSIEWICZ. None of his officers have observed the driver of the automobile, and he stated he did not know if LA PORTE is using the car or one of his numerous relatives.

On February 9, 1966, LA PORTE was observed driving a Buick in Flossmoor, Illinois by Chief PAULING. He stated he was unable to conduct a surveillance of LA PORTE, but that he was in the general vicinity of his office in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Lieutenant (Lt.) [redacted] Flossmoor Police Department, advised on March 4, 1966, that on Sunday evenings numerous automobiles are parked in the driveway of LA PORTE's brother-in-law, FRANK FRANZE on East Cambridge Road in Flossmoor. He stated the number of cars usually varies from 6 to 10 in number. Because of the darkness and the guard that is usually at the front of the driveway, he has been unable to obtain license numbers of the various automobiles, but believes most of them are Buicks. Lt. [redacted] stated that because of the location of the subject and his brother-in-law's homes, it is extremely difficult to conduct any type of physical surveillance on the subject or his relatives.

Associates

JOE GUZZINO
1065 Wentworth Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois

Joseph R. Guzzino

Officer [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised on February 27, 1965, that in recent weeks he has

observed JOE GUZZINO's cadillac parked in the vicinity of the Cooperative Music Company, which is owned by the subject. He advised that the car now has new 1966 Illinois license RP 6400. He advised that he has also observed GUZZINO going into the Cooperative Music Company on several occasions. He advised that it is his opinion, based on his general knowledge of the community, that GUZZINO has taken over as the leader of LA PORTE's gambling interests in the area. He feels that GUZZINO has replaced LA PORTE's brother-in-law, TONY ~~FRANZE~~ in this position, because of FRANZE's conviction on local gambling charges. [redacted] indicated that everyone in Chicago Heights knows that [redacted] was convicted as a result of FBI interest and inquiry and that with the recent passage of the Illinois law making syndicated gambling a felony, FRANZE has been released of all gambling duties. On December 17, 1965, GUZZINO was observed driving on Cottage Grove Avenue and was being closely followed by another black Cadillac with Illinois license 149-500, which is issued to W. S. D. Corporation, 120 East 147th Street, Harvey, Illinois. It appeared the two cars were traveling together as GUZZINO was observed signaling to the driver of the other Cadillac. 1-2-66

Chief of Police, C. E. LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised on February 22, 1966, that JOE GUZZINO made a complaint to his department that the 5 O'Clock Club, 159th and Burnam Avenue, Calumet City, had just been robbed. GUZZINO furnished the following information to the Police Department: A unknown subject entered the tavern at 8:00 and ordered a beer. He then displayed a blue black .38 caliber revolver and told [redacted] a waitress, to get in the back room. He opened two cash registers and took approximately \$150 from the register. Chief LINKIEWICZ stated that the robbery was obviously committed by someone not familiar with the situation in Calumet City and feels that if he is identified his body will be located in the trunk of a car inasmuch as this type of robbery is considered embarrassing to the Syndicate. He advised that he does not understand why GUZZINO reported the robbery to the Police Department. In his more than 20 years with the department he stated he believes this is the first time any of the Syndicate hoodlums have ever made an official complaint to the Police Department.

The Chicago Heights Star, a biweekly newspaper, in the January 12, 1966, edition contained an article which reads in part as follows: Mrs. CORINNE GUZZINO, 245 West Sauk Trail, South Chicago Heights, Illinois, died unexpectedly in St. James Hospital. The Reverend ANTONIO MASTRANGELO will say Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Rocco Church.

Mrs. GUZZINO was born December 24, 1883, in Cacamo, Italy, and had lived in the Chicago Heights area for the past 60 years. Mrs. GUZZINO was the widow of the late SAM GUZZINO (murdered in prohibition gang wars).

She is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. JOSEPHINE ROSSETTI, Mrs. SARA CONTI, and Mrs. LILLIAM SQUETERI, all of the Chicago Heights area; 3 sons, JOSEPH and MICHAEL GUZZINO, Calumet City, and TONY GUZZINO, South Chicago Heights. Mrs. GUZZINO had 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Officer [redacted] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised on January 14, 1966, that he handled the traffic for the funeral procession of Mrs. GUZZINO to the Assumption Cemetery. He advised that most of the local hoodlums attended the funeral, but he did not observe FRANK LA PORTE. He stated that he did observe TONY FRANZE, numerous members of the FASO's family, [redacted]

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Chief MARK ORLICH, Chicago Heights Police Department, advised that he observed SAM D'GIOVANNI at the GUZZINO funeral. He further noted that SAM, who he described as being approximately 80 years old, presently has his house for sale and that the sale is being handled by Henry C. Szesny Real Estate Firm, 1520 Vincennes Avenue, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Chief ORLICH advised that SAM's son is presently a partner in the Arthur Anderson Associates a large accounting firm in Chicago.

On March 6, 1966, during the late evening hours, JOE GUZZINO was observed entering the Rossi's Poolroom on 22nd Street in Chicago Heights.

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CG T-1 advised that the local hoodlums are currently gambling at Rossi's Poolroom on 22nd Street in the Heights. The game has a "house cut" and is actually run by JOE GUZZINO. He has various other hoodlums watching the game and protecting the "house cut". Informant stated that he is positive that GUZZINO "handles the action" for LA PORTE.

[redacted]
Chicago Heights, Illinois

Sergeant (Sgt.) [redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised on February 8, 1966, that he had learned from a reliable informant that LA PORTE within the past month had a fight with his paramour, [redacted] (LNU) at the Club Corscia on 79th and Western Avenue, Chicago. [redacted] stated that LA PORTE apparently beat her severely as he had sometime done in the past. Shortly after this incident, LA PORTE's nephew, FRANK LUZI was observed in conversation with [redacted] and appeared to be acting as peacemaker for his uncle.

Several unsuccessful efforts were made to locate [redacted] at her residence and at the Park Lane Beauty Salon on 127th Street in Calumet City, Illinois. Previous investigation indicates that the beauty shop is managed by [redacted] and owned by LA PORTE's nephew, STEVE FRANZE, although the license is in the name of [redacted] an employee of the Cooperative Music Company. It should be noted that [redacted] was previously interviewed and denied any acquaintance with LA PORTE.

SAM GERACI-(Deceased)
1630 Ashland Avenue
Chicago Heights, Illinois

GERACI who has been described by numerous sources as an old time prohibition bootlegger and hoodlum died of natural causes on February 17, 1966. His wake was held at Gerald's Funeral Home, Chicago Heights. CG T-2 advised that

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LA PORTE and all of the other prominent South Side hoodlums attended the wake or funeral. Source further advised that numerous other individuals were at the wake and he estimated a total of 1,000 people signed the register which was immediately claimed by surviving members of the family.

~~FRANK FRANZE~~
1729 Cambridge Road
Flossmoor, Illinois

Iowa
CG T-1 advised on February 23, 1966, that the subject's brother-in-law, FRANK FRANZE continues to operate as manager of the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights. Informant stated he knows of no illegal activities on the part of FRANZE and the general rumor is that LA PORTE insists that he stay out of trouble so that LA PORTE can maintain the Cooperative Music Company as his legitimate front.

San Francisco Office advised on January 21, 1966, that CG T-3 advised that FRANK LA PORTE and [redacted] have been connected for approximately 15 years in various mining ventures. Two of these ventures were known as the New Ford Mine and the Cooperative Mine located near San Andreas, California. Both were gold mines, and it is believed that they have since been abandoned and the claim has been reverted back to the State of California.

According to the informant, [redacted] then was able to interest LA PORTE in another mining venture principally for the purpose of mining tungsten or some other ore used to harden steel. As a result of this, there were 3 corporations formed known as the L. Vernado Mining Company, the Kanaranze Ore Milling, and the Marine Mill Properties. The 3 companies were organized for the purpose of filing mining claims, milling the ore, and bringing it to market, and the last company was formed for ownership of the property and equipment, which is leased to the other 2 companies. The mining and milling sight is in the vicinity of Fales Hot Springs, California. During the Korean conflict informant recalled there was a critical shortage of the ore and LA PORTE felt that the companies had the possibility of making a lot of money, however, the same

type of ore was discovered in Korea, and the United States Government subsidized development which in effect dropped the bottom out of the domestic market. Informant advised that since that time periodic improvements have been made on the properties to prevent title reverting back to the state. Informant stated he is positive that LA PORTE received no financial gain from the operation of the mine and in fact has actually been losing money over the years. Informant stated that at one time [] was president of 2 of the above corporations and the president of the other one was FRANK FRANZE, but that in a effort to simplify the cashing of checks and other financial transactions, informant believes that [] is now president of all 3 corporation. The corporations have filed papers with the California State Franchise and both funds are placed on deposit for the Kanaranze Company at the Farm and Merchandise Bank in Linden, California.

Source stated that the total investment for all 3 corporations is approximately \$150,000, and it is the informants opinion that resale of the property would be considerably less then that amount. On some occasions there have been interested people who wanted to buy the property, but by the time [] had cleared with LA PORTE, the buyer had lost interest. Informant stated he is positive that LA PORTE wants to dispose of the property and has lost interest in it. Taxes on the property have been maintained and all bills paid. Informant knows that at one time it was suggested that the companies be converted from corporations to sole proprietorship to allow personal income tax deductions to either [] or LA PORTE, but that for some reason this was never done.

Informant stated that there is a relationship between [] and [] who is married to LA PORTE's sister. Informant believes that she is a cousin to [] Informant characterizes [] as a man with very little business finance who is obsessed with the idea of striking a rich ore deposit and as a consequence has neglected his ranch obligations and has required very little income for all his time and effort in working the mining properties. Informant further stated

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that [] recently sold his 390 acre ranch for approximately \$90,000, receiving a downpayment of some \$25,000, with a yearly payment of \$4,000. Informant is confident that [] will squander this money on new mining ventures. He is presently building a new home in San Andreas. Informant stated that he has no knowledge of LA PORTE's background and was unaware of any criminal activities on the part of LA PORTE or the others. He could not furnish any information as to the source of funds used to develop the mining properties.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/18/66

The following information was obtained from the

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FRANK FRANZE. 1729
Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. The following [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above information is confidential and can be
obtained only through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum
issued to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois.

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On 1/25/66 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-920

by IC [REDACTED] MLB 9 Date dictated 3/14/66

CG T-5 advised on February 21, 1966, that TONY FRANZE lists an address of 18006 Ridgewood, Lansing, Illinois. His son resides at 427 Hickory Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Informant further advised that in 1962 and 1963, FRANK FRANZE was associated with the V. Lazarus Insurance Agency, 176 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 5, 1965, Officer [] Chicago Heights Police Department, advised he observed FRANK FRANZE being driven by his brother TONY FRANZE in Chicago Heights. TONY was driving a 1966 Green Electra 225 Buick with Illinois license 966157. He was unable to determine their destination. Officer [] stated he also learned that LA PORTE's wife MARGARITE and some of the LA PORTE sisters have their hair done weekly at Kastar's Beauty Salon in the Lincoln Hills Shopping Center, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

JAMES TORTORIELLO
Berwyn, Illinois

CG T-4 advised that TORTORIELLO more commonly known as MUGGZY, has been in frequent contact with LA PORTE and [] who previously resided in San Diego, California, but has recently returned to the Chicago area. [] is in poor financial condition and recently had his car repossessed by a San Diego finance company, and that a bank had instituted foreclosure proceedings against his home in California. [] recently confided in a close friend of the informant that even though he was broke he did not want to get in any illegal activities because of his children. He has a 15 year old daughter and an 18 year old son, who attends Stanford University on a \$5,000 scholarship. The informant learned that [] had been offered large sums of money believed to have come from TORTORIELLO and LA PORTE if he would work for them and utilize his Mexican contacts. [] reportedly stated that the job they wanted done is "too dirty", and he does not intend to become involved. The informant is of the opinion that narcotics might possibly be involved.

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On February 8, 1966, LA PORTE advised the informant that [] was dinner guest at his home in Flossmoor. Source stated that LA PORTE has a Polish wife, however, he has never actually married her from a legal standpoint, and has lived in common-law marriage with her for many years. According to the informant LA PORTE is 67 years old and his greatest regret is that he never had any children. TORTORIELLO recently visited with [] and indicated that his son JAMES is being married on May 14, 1966, in Chicago. MUGGZY supposedly told [] that he is no longer handling gambling devices known as "fishbowls" jar games, now that it is a felony in Illinois. He reported that all the gamblers, including the "outfit", are scared and they don't know what is going to happen to the Syndicate's operation because of the "heat" created by law enforcement. MUGGZY indicated that the big money is now in "juice" and that several of the leading hoodlums are quite wealthy as a result of this racket. Informant advised that [] MUGGZY, and [] flew to California together. They used [] car which was later confiscated by Mexican authorities, and it cost ESTY \$500 for the return of the car. Now that [] is back in Chicago he has several contacts with people in the "outfit" because he did them many favors years ago when he was with the Illinois Liquor Commission. He was of particular help to LA PORTE. Informant indicated that [] is of the opinion that LA PORTE made a fabulous amount of money in the old days and doesn't have to break the laws any more. Source advised that MUGGZY and his associates had set up a house and office in El Centro, California, for the purpose of selling lard in Mexico, but the Chicago group was taken by the Mexicans because they paid for \$50,000 worth of lard with bogus checks. As security MUGGZY apparently held the title to some old trucks which aren't worth anything. MUGGZY indicated to the informant that he personally lost \$10,000 on the deal and that before it is all over there will be a few "dead" Mexicans. An individual named [] is the one who got the lard customers for MUGGZY, and they are holding him responsible. The lard was supposedly obtained from some firm run by a Jewish individual; that was [] bankrupt. MUGGZY also told the informant that he and some friend own a small gambling house on the coast of Columbia, South America. He indicated that after his son is married he is

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going to leave the United States and settle somewhere in South America. He stated he is unable to take it any more in the United States.

Informant further advised that an individual who lives in Kennelworth, Illinois, and is named [redacted] (Phonetic) owns 8 trucking companies in which LA PORTE has some type of hidden interest. His partner is an individual named [redacted] (Phonetic). It is believed that two of the companies are operated as A & S Lines and Vans Express Terminal. The others are unknown to the informant, but all are believed located in Chicago.

Informant advised on February 14, 1966, that LA PORTE and his wife or girl friend had dinner at the Antipasto on Rush Street, in Chicago.

Informant stated that TORTORIELLO is an extremely tough individual and would not stop at anything to get his way. On one occasion he burned down his own place of business, and he is known to his friends as a "torch man" and is probably responsible for some of the recent arsons in the Chicago area.

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Chicago Heights, Illinois

Chief of Police LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois, advised that [redacted] is a partner with LA PORTE in the Cooperative Music Company, and has been having trouble keeping a tenant occupying his Golden Door Restaurant at 159th and Burnam Avenue. He has had several tenants in the past year, but none of them have been successful in operating the restaurant, and as a result [redacted] is behind \$700 in licenses alone. The Mayor of Chicago Heights, Illinois, MARINO RICHTON acts as the attorney for [redacted] in all his dealings. RICHTON is married to [redacted] sister or niece.

Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that [redacted] Owner of the Castaway Bowling Alley on 147th Street, recently remodeled the men's room. During the remodeling he removed several prophylactic machines and put them in a storeroom. Shortly thereafter DOMINIC "TOOTS" PALAREMO, Owner of the Club Palace and club associates of [redacted] and LA PORTE's demanded the machines be returned to the wall of the men's room. Chief LINKIEWICZ advised that there were no actual threats made against [redacted] and he doubts if there will be inasmuch as [redacted] is related to a Calumet City Alderman and several other individuals who are politically powerful in the city. CG T-6 advised on February 21, 1966, that PALAREMO has turned over the operation of his club to [redacted] has 2 girls who he assumed were prostitutes and formerly worked for [redacted] at the Plantation Club in Calumet City.

Informant stated that an employee of LA PORTE named [redacted] is in Calumet City about 2 days a week. He is frequently observed using a coin telephone for a considerable length of time, which is located in the parking lot of a liquor store located at Memorial Drive and State Line Avenue, Calumet City. [redacted] services the juke boxes for the Cooperative Music Company.

[redacted]
Blue Island, Illinois

Previous investigation indicated that [redacted] is associated in several con games throughout the Western Hemisphere. He is a known associate of MUGGZY TORTORIELLO, [redacted] and BABE TUFFANELLI, who is LA PORTE's gambling boss in the Blue Island area.

[redacted] Auditor, The First National Bank, Dolton, Illinois, advised on February 17, 1966, that on February 11, 1966, one [redacted] Blue Island, Illinois, and one [redacted] no further address, came into the bank and opened a joint commercial checking account. The account is to be in the name of the San Andre's Development, Ltd., San Andres Isla, Columbia, South America.

These individuals deposited a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to [] drawn on the Western National Bank of Cicero, Illinois, on the account of the Atlantis Divers Travel Fund.

[] advised that [] appeared to be the one who was the leader in this operation as he did most of the talking. [] claimed that this is a tourist venture, and they are drumming up trade for their hotel in San Andre's.

[] advised that he telephonically contacted [] Western National Bank of Cicero, and was advised by him that Atlantis Divers Travel Fund has an account at that bank, but that the funds, as of that time were not collected, and the earliest payout date would be February 17, 1966. [] informed [] that he had received another telephone call from an Evergreen Park, Illinois bank, advising that they were also in receipt of a \$2,000.00 check payable to []

[] advised that these two individuals were given 10 blank checks and were told that no funds would be paid out until the \$2,000.00 check cleared. They ordered the printing of 600 checks, and no sooner had he obtained their signature cards, they left in a big hurry.

On February 16, 1966, the New York City Hotel called at 11:30 a.m. stating they had a check drawn on [] The hotel was told at that time that the funds in the account had not been collected at that time.

[] also advised that he understood that [] A. C. Press, 14818 Chicago Road, Dolton, Illinois, had taken a check from [] for printing. This check was drawn on a Houston, Texas bank.

[] Dolton, advised on February 17, 1966, that he is from Blue Island, Illinois, and had previously known [] as a former Blue Island, Illinois Police Officer. He advised that [] came in with one [] and ordered 5,000 copies of an handbill advertising the San Andres Development, Ltd.

[] gave him a check in the amount of \$115.00 for this printing, drawn on a bank in Houston, Texas. This check is enroute for payment.

In addition [] has ordered 500 business cards to be made up for the San Andres Development, Ltd. with the names of [] telephones 431-085 419-530.

[] furnished the following physical description of []

Age	Late 40's or early 50's
Height	5'10"
Weight	200
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Medium
Face	Long
Nationality	Unknown

On February 21, 1966, [] Cashier, First National Bank, Dolton, Illinois, advised that apparently the \$2,000.00 check deposited by [] is good as to date it has not been returned.

FRANK LUZI
212 West 29th Place
South Chicago Heights, Illinois

Previous investigation discloses that LUZI, nephew of FRANK LA PORTE, was convicted of attempted bribery in local court and sentenced to 1 to 3 years in the penitentiary. He is presently out on an appeal bond.

Springfield Office advised that a review of the Supreme Court docket for the State of Illinois discloses that LUZI and his accomplice [] will be heard by the court during the May, 1966 term.

Chief NAT ROMER, Harvey, Illinois Police Department advised on February 11, 1966, that [] has apparently been "dumped" by LA PORTE and the Syndicate. From outward appearance [] is attempting to give the impression he is presently employed as a bus driver for the South Suburban Bus Lines in Harvey.

Previous investigation determined that Illinois license 593773 is registered to [redacted] on a Ford. On January 9, 1966, a 1965 Ford Thunderbird with the above license was observed parked at the residence of JAMES FRATINNO, 336 Malard Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] was married to [redacted] and is a sister to top hoodlum [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

Previous investigation disclosed that an automobile bearing Illinois license BA 2811 registered to [redacted] Arlington Heights, was observed parked at LA PORTE's sister's home in Linden, California. On February 1, 1966, [redacted] Palatine Credit Bureau disclosed that [redacted] had lived at the above residence since 1961. His occupation was shown as a self employed salesman, working from his residence. He was previously employed by Abco Products Company, Chicago. The firm was identified as a manufacturer of radio speakers. Prior to that he was employed as District Manager of Farmers Insurance Group, dates and places not shown. [redacted] worked as a receptionist for a Dr. [redacted] in September, 1956, place not shown. Files of the Arlington Heights Police Department disclose that [redacted] was arrested on June 26, 1962, on the charge of speeding. No other pertinent information was located.

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Legitimate Enterprise

On March 1, 1966, [redacted] Agent, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, United States Treasury Department, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had developed information indicating that Deonas Tavern and Night Club at 71st and Willow Springs Road, Willow Springs, Illinois, is owned by AL PILOTTO and FRANK LA PORTE. The license and management are in other peoples names and their only participation is the furnishing of money to operate the place.

[redacted] Secretary, Cooperative Music Company, and [redacted] Radio Announcer, for radio station in Kankakee, Illinois, were observed having lunch at Matus Restaurant in Chicago Heights on February 3, 1966. Previous investigation

indicated that the 2 of them are partners in the "Good Will" Coin Laundry in Stager, Illinois. LA PORTE supposedly furnished most of the money to set up this operation.

On February 8, 1966, [] Owner, Beauty Parlor, 505 West 14th Street, advised that about one month ago FRANK LUZI came to him and advised that he was an organizer for the Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists, and Proprietors Internal Union of America, AFL - CIO, 1141 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

LUZI indicated that he would like to have [] join his union, together with his 15 employees. [] advised that his organization organized Detroit, Michigan, and implied that he LUZI did this. He pulled out an article from a Detroit Newspaper containing the names of shops that were unionized in Detroit. LUZI on this occasion advised that he was going to organize the whole county, and indicated that he already had 20 members in this area, and when and if he obtains 25 members he will be able to get a State charter.

On February 4, 1966, LUZI came into the shop again and at that time introduced an individual by the name of [] He has since learned that this [] is one [] brother-in-law of LA PORTE. LUZI started out by stating that he was calling on [] since it has come to his attention that [] has been telling the hairdressers that he "was no good", and he did not particularly like this. [] advised LUZI that he did not tell anyone this, but stated that he did not think LUZI and his union could be of any help, and told him frankly he would not join unless the five top shops in the area are signed up.

At this [] indicated that they are in the process of signing up the hairdressers at E. J. Korvettes, Matteson, Illinois. [] then took over the conversation and appeared to be the boss, as he told LUZI to shut up a couple of times. [] indicated that eventually he would sign up [] whether he liked it or not, and they left indicating they would again call on him. [] advised that they really want him bad, as he is the

leading shop in the area.

[] advised that [] President, Local National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, Dixie Highway, Homewood, Illinois, told him that [] and LUZI have organized the hairdressers in Aurora, Elgin, and Joliet, Illinois. Also that they have signed the House of James, E. J. Korvettes, John Spano, Park Forest; Richard Urgaro, Olympia Plaza, Chicago Heights, Illinois; and also Nate's Shop, 1020 Chicago Road, the owner of which is a close friend of a kid named FRANZE.

[] also advised that [] has a daughter who is a hairdresser, and she formerly worked for [] but left, her whereabouts are unknown.

Also there is a girl named LA PORTE in the area that is a hairdresser, but her present whereabouts is unknown.

[] advised that LUZI and [] have also been trying to organize [] and [] who have a shop in South Chicago Heights, but they won't join.

He advised that [] advised him that these individuals have had two meetings of the people they have signed up at the K of C Hall, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and in these meetings indicated they want no checks, just cash from the hairdressers who sign up.

Further [] advised that Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE is a customer of his, and that Mrs. ANTHONY FRANZE had formerly been a customer. In conversation with Mrs. LA PORTE, he was advised that the reason Mrs. FRANZE no longer comes in, is because she is in California.

Illegal Activities

Previous investigation has disclosed that LA PORTE's sister NATALIE BARTUSIEWICZ, is the owner of the building known

as the Eagle A-Go Go. This was previously operated as a gambling casino by LA PORTE and known as the Club Coral. The Eagles Club is managed by [] former Chicago Heights, Illinois policeman, and close associate associate of LA PORTE. Also employed at the club was [] known procurer in the Chicago area, and recently arrested along with 19 other individuals for ITSMV car ring.

On March 1, 1966, Indiana State Police recovered the body of CLARANCE H. FORREST in the trunk of his Pontiac automobile in St. John, Indiana. FORREST had been shot twice with a .38 caliber revolver and stuffed into the trunk. FORREST, at the time of his murder, was a part time bartender at the Eagle A-Go Go and was last seen arriving at that location. CG T-1 advised that [] and other hoodlums have been attempting to discover the informant who furnished information regarding their car thefts and other illegal activities, which include gambling raids by the Cook County Sheriff's Police. Informant indicated that he had received information that FORREST was murdered by a member of LA PORTE's group, possibly [] or BABE TUFFINELLI, because of a factional dispute with JAMES "TURK" TORELLO, who had part of the "action" at the club.

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Previous investigation discloses that TORELLO is a lieutenant of FIORE "FIFI" BUCCIERI, a top hoodlum on Chicago's west side. Informant advised that he has heard from various sources that LA PORTE is gradually disposing of his interest in Chicago and is investing heavily in California property. As a result of this, his control in organized crime is being disputed and several different hoodlum groups are making an effort to gain control of the remaining openings of illegal activities.

Sgt. [] Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised that a small diary was obtained from FORREST's wife which indicates that FORREST was spying on LA PORTE for TORELLO, and this possibly lead to his murder. He further advised that he had received information that TUFFINELLI and Sgt. [] Blue Island Police Official a known close associate of TUFFINELLI, reportedly left for Las Vegas immediately after the murder. He

advised that TUFFINELLI's daughter [] was employed at the Eagles Club and was frequently mentioned in FORREST's diary. An anonymous source telephonically advised the Chicago Office that FORREST was killed in Norvell's Restaurant, which is located near the Eagle A-Go Go Club. The source indicated that he was killed in front of BABE TUFFINELLI and [] and 2 waitresses. This information was furnished to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, who indicated they would pursue the investigation in an attempt to establish that TUFFINELLI and LA PORTE were responsible for the murder. Sgt. [] advised that as a result of the considerable news notariety indicating the possible gang war being developed his office has received several anonymous phone calls from individuals who indicate that FORREST was killed in Calumet Park and not in Indiana.

Sgt. [] stated that he had called Mayor TONY PISA of Calumet Park, Illinois, where Eagle A-Go Go and Norvell's Restaurant are located. PISA advised that he had received orders from Chief of Police LALE to raid the Eagle Club at 11:00 p.m. on the night that FORREST was murdered. He claimed that he did not know LA PORTE and was not controlled by him, but admitted that he had very little "say so" in what happened in Calumet Park and that the town was actually controlled by the Chief of Police and Alderman who he felt might be subservient to LA PORTE. According to HARMAN, PISA stated he did not know the reason for the gambling raid and did not believe that it had anything to do with the murder of FORREST.

Sgt. [] Cook County Sheriff's Police advised on February 14, 1966, that he felt that the following taverns in Chicago Heights were bookie joints controlled by the LA PORTE Group.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Licensee</u>
Eagle Liquors	1704 Chicago Road	[]
E. J. & E. Tavern	2202 Chicago Road	[]

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Licensee</u>
Ada's Restauarant	531 Dixie Highway	
The Palace Lounge	59 East Main Street	
Golden Horseshoe Lounge	1236 Halsted Street	
Dis and Dat	1725 Halsted Street	
Illinois Liquor Mart	6 Illinois Street	
Club Toppers	46 Illinois Street	
Faso's Tavern	1656 Vincennes Avenue	
Silhouette Restaurant & Lounge	1603 Western Avenue	
Shalimar Club	1735 Western Avenue	
Lobue Tavern	145 East 14th Street	
Zaranti's Restaurant & Lounge	169 East 14th Street	
Sam's Tavern	200 East 14th Street	
Lacorte's Drive In Liquors	223 East 14th Street	
Rancho Grande	114 East 16th Street	
Center Liquor Store	161 East 16th Street	

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name</u>
Vagabond Lounge	92 East 17th Street	
Keynote Club	168 East 22nd Street	
Hunters Protective Club	1645 Center Avenue	
Polish Democratic Club	1317 Halsted Street	
Veterans of Foreign Wars	86 Illinois Street	
Lincoln Athletic Club	284 East 14th Street	
Christopher Columbus	312 East 14th Street	

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He advised he has been unable to secure sufficient proof to conduct gambling raids, but feels positive that some type of gambling is being carried on in the above taverns.

CG T-5 advised on February 21, 1966, that MAURINO R. RICHTON, 255 Crescent Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois, is Mayor of that city. He stated he had received information from a source that RICHTON and possibly LA PORTE were selling land to the Cook County Forest Preserve District for an exorbitant fee and not reporting the profit as income.

CG T-7 advised that a large North side sports lay off center is planning on opening at a factory that is owned by [redacted] who is a close personal friend of FRANK LA PORTE. The factory is named Glencore located at 9670 Allen, Rosemont, Illinois. According to the informant there is supposed to be 3 telephones in a room inside the plant, which would be suitable for a lay off center. Informant stated that [redacted] in the near future will run for Mayor of some unknown suburb in the Chicago area.

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Travel

The Los Angeles Office advised on December 29, 1965, that JAMES FRATIANNO stated that he had to leave for Northern California in order that he meet FRANK LA PORTE in San Francisco. LA PORTE was apparently flying to the area from Chicago.

On January 27, 1966, San Diego Office advised that LA PORTE has over \$300,000 invested in tractors and trailers being operated by the Fratianno Trucking Company in California, and the operation is apparently losing money. The indication is that LA PORTE frequently travels to California in order to check on his investments.

On December 28, 1965, Lieutenant [redacted] El Dorado Sheriff's Office, Lake Tahoe, California, advised that FRATIANNO indicated that they were going to pick up FRANK LA PORTE, who was flying into Chicago, and LA PORTE was expected to be in the Lake Tahoe area on December 28, 1965.

CG T-2 advised on February 18, 1966, that LA PORTE makes frequent trips to California and Nevada for the purpose of making investments in various unknown ventures.

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Chicago, Illinois

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Title

FRANK LA PORTE

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

Is Made To The Report Of
Special Agent Thomas W.
Parrish Dated And Captioned
As Above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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FRANK LA PORTE
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas W. Parrish dated and captioned as above.

CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

Chicago T-1 is an individual who has some knowledge of gambling activities in the Chicago area.

Chicago T-2 is a relative by marriage to Frank La Porte.

Chicago T-3 is a businessman in the San Francisco area who requested his identity be kept confidential.

Chicago T-4 is a individual who has a close association with various North side Chicago hoodlums.

Chicago T-5 is an individual who conducts criminal investigations for another Governmental agency.

Chicago T-6 is an individual who has a wide acquaintance of South Cook County gambling activities.

Chicago T-7 is an individual who has an association with elements of the criminal underground in Chicago.

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FRANK COMPENSIERO, aka
Frank Gavin, etc.

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(OO: San Diego)

FRANK LA PORTE, aka

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(OO: Chicago)

LEO MOSCERI, aka
Calogero Mosceri (True Name), etc.

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(OO: Cleveland)

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, dated 4/15/66,
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- 3 - Cleveland (Encls. 3) (REGISTERED)
 - (2 - 92-371) (FRATIANNO)
 - (1 - 92-869) (MOCCERI)
- 2 - New York (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED)
 - (2 - 92-3842) (SCOPITONE, INC.)
- 6 - San Diego
 - (2 - 92-187) (FRATIANNO)
 - (2 - 92-25) (BOMPENSIERO)
 - (1 - 92-412) (LA PORTE)
 - (1 - 92-460) (MOCCERI)

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LOS ANGELES

AT COLTON, CALIFORNIA. Will, without revealing the source of the information, discreetly interview [redacted] operator of 1963 Chevrolet KDX 955. He resides at 944 Illinois Avenue, Colton. Interview him regarding his contacts with [redacted] at El Centro in regard to testing of ore [redacted] apparently has furnished to him for testing possibly in South Gate, California. Will attempt to determine if subjects have access to valuable ore and any other information of value concerning their activities.

AT WASHINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA. Will, without revealing the source of the information, consider interviewing [redacted] partner of [redacted] to obtain the exact business relations he has with [redacted] and how deeply involved OL Trucking is with the operations of LA PORTE and FRATTIANO. Interview in detail regarding Load King Trailer Company of Elk Point, South Dakota, furnishing FRATTIANO, LA PORTE or OL TRUCKING equipment especially in light of the remark made by [redacted] that LA PORTE got \$10,000 from OL factory and carried it as a fund or from a fund on his income tax to "beat the tax." Attempt to develop [redacted] as an informant or source of information regarding the operations of the subjects.

AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. Will furnish all background information of value concerning [redacted] and consider interviewing him in view of his repeated visits to BOMPENSIERO in San Diego on weekends, especially to determine the identity of the persons who accompanied him to San Diego on 4/23/66.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

1. Will maintain contact with [redacted] regarding all information of value concerning activities of subjects. b7D

2. Will furnish background on Itt Gilfillan, Inc., 1815 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, telephone 213-381-3451, to determine what kind of a company it is and what their association would be with these hoodlums at El Centro.

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LAS VEGAS

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. Will, if feasible, attempt to determine at the Sands Hotel, who occupied the two doubles and one single, which reservations were made in the name of [REDACTED] by phone at 1:47 p.m., 4/28/66.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will furnish all information of value concerning the activities of LA PORTE and the extent of his financing the trucking operations in California.

2. Will obtain identities of persons called by LA PORTE on his credit card while in El Centro, using credit card number 295-37 R75546-086.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will obtain toll calls on FRATIANNI's credit card, R-421-5073-160, to determine with whom he is in contact.

2. Will obtain from the Secretary of State's Office the stock holders in the Co-op Corporation and all data of value concerning Co-op trucking.

3. Will continue to furnish San Diego with all information of value concerning activities of LA PORTE and FRATIANNI insofar as they relate to the San Diego Division.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA. Will identify the subscriber to telephone 209-537-3022.

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. Will note the three numbers called from El Centro attempting to locate ANGELO MARINO. San

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Diego indices list only one of these numbers, 377-4015, in San Jose as MARINO's office. Furnish the identity of the other two numbers in San Jose, 294-2558 and 297-2910.

CLEVELAND

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO. Will furnish any information regarding the return of LEO MOCERI to Southern California.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will furnish any information concerning involvement of BOMPENSIERO in Scopitone.

SAN DIEGO

AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will interview [redacted] Public Utilities Commission Office, 202 South Seventh, telephone Elgin 2-3123, regarding his investigation of subjects' trucking operations.

2. Will continue to maintain close surveillance on subjects in the El Centro area.

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. Will continue to maintain close surveillance on the subjects in the San Diego area.

SUBJECTS FRATIANNI, BOMPENSIERO AND MOCERI SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT ALL TIMES POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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PCI [] (protect identity). []

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[] advised on April 1, 1966 that FRANK BOMPENSIERO, accompanied by LEO MOCERI (La Cosa Nostra hoodlum from Akron, Ohio), had come to [] and visited with [] and PCI. Previously, FRANK BOMPENSIERO indicated an interest in []

On February 27, 1966, FRANK BOMPENSIERO introduced MOCERI to [] and MOCERI told [] he had \$50,000 he might wish to use to [] told him it would take a great deal more than that [] MOCERI did not indicate any further interest. []

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(Above information is one of several indications MOCERI has a fairly large amount of money to invest at this time and is interested in settling down again in Southern California.)

Previous investigation has reported information regarding LEO MOCERI and wife staying at BOMPENSIERO's residence and traveling in El Centro, California, and Mexico with BOMPENSIERO and []

On April 1, 1966, BOMPENSIERO and MOCERI were surveilled from El Centro, California, to BOMPENSIERO's residence in San Diego. While under surveillance they were observed driving to the San Diego Testing Laboratory where they left off one ore

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sample they obtained from their trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. [redacted] (confidentially), advised that subjects had previously left off three similar ore samples which he tested for gold and silver content. They were worthless. One sample of ore contained 3.65 worth of gold and silver per ton. The other 2.05 and the third 1.55. He stated that from looking at the fourth sample he did not believe it would be any better. (These samples of ore were tagged with the names of the mines, which correspond with the names of the mines described in report of Legat, Mexico City, from Mazatlan. From this it would appear that the subjects' mining ventures in Mexico to date have not been successful.)

April 4, 1966

PCI [redacted] (protect identity) lives in [redacted]

She reported on April 4, 1966 that LEO MOCERI and his wife had placed all their luggage in his 1966 white Oldsmobile Tornado, Ohio license P2892A. She reported hearing MOCERI saying good-bye to BOMPENSIERO and his paramour, [redacted] and left at 7:10 a.m., April 4, 1966.

This informant related that in an earlier conversation with Mrs. MOCERI she indicated that she and her husband were returning to Ohio and might go to Florida but there was a good possibility they would be returning to California.

This information was relayed to El Centro, California, where Bureau Agents observed MOCERI leaving California, heading east into Arizona on U. S. Highway 80 on April 4, 1966, apparently en route to Ohio.

On April 4, 1966, BOMPENSIERO returned to El Centro, California, where he has been working from Monday through Friday each week supervising the operation of trucks there owned by

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LA PORTE (La Cosa Nostra hoodlum leader in Chicago) and FRATIANNNO.

Investigation at El Centro disclosed that a \$3,560,000 contract for the construction for 7.5 miles on Interstate 8 Freeway in the El Centro area being developed, the California Department of Public Works awarded the contract to Miles and Sons Construction Division and the Kenneth H. Golden Construction Company. This four-lane freeway section will be completed in the spring of 1967. [redacted] co-owner of the OL Trucking Company in Huntington Beach, California, has obtained a subcontract from MILES and Sons to haul dirt and is the front for the Fratianno Trucking Company and the Co-op Trucking Company of FRANK LA PORTE, both of whom are supplying [redacted] with numerous trucks and trailers.

While operating in the El Centro area during April, 1966, [redacted] and BOMPENSIERO were staying in Apartment 26A at the Jay L. Jay Apartments, leased by the Fratianno Trucking Company.

San Diego Division rented the apartment next-door. These apartments are of very flimsy construction and, in addition, the electric wall sockets are back to back, which permit at times the voices in one apartment to be heard easily in the adjoining apartment.

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At El Centro, April 3, 1966

[redacted] occupied the apartment with wife and his teen-age boy and two girls, apparently on spring vacation from Huntington Beach, California. His family operates a 1960 Plymouth, two-door, California license OKF 359.

No pertinent information obtained.

April 5, 1966

BOMPENSIERO checked into apartment driving car belonging to [redacted] light blue, 1965 Mustang, California license RDJ 155.

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[redacted] made long distance call to Los Angeles, 213-381-3451, to a person named JAY. (This number is listed to Itt Gilfillan, Incorporated, 1815 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles).

April 6, 1966

Great deal of talk pertaining to trucking operations. At 8:34 p.m. [redacted] received a call for BOMPENSIERO, but he was not in. [redacted] repeated the number 754-3246, which is the home phone of [redacted] in Chicago Heights, Illinois, FRANK LA PORTE's girl friend. It was apparent that FRANK LA PORTE was trying to contact BOMPENSIERO. [redacted] was heard to reply, "Okay Frankie as soon as Cheech (apparently a Sicilian nickname for FRANK) comes in he'll call you." Later BOMPENSIERO apparently called and got the message from [redacted] but apparently used some other phone to return LA PORTE's call as his voice was not heard in the apartment.

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At 8:41 p.m. [redacted] apparently received a call from BOMPENSIERO but only listened and did very little talking. The call lasted five minutes and [redacted] was heard to say, "Found out what Frank did." He then spoke in Sicilian and then said, "What's to know if we can come to terms?"

At 8:43 p.m., [redacted] was heard speaking with an unknown male and was heard to say, "\$304,000 in cold cash. This is my personal friend. I'm responsible to Frank. (It is not known if he refers to BOMPENSIERO or LA PORTE). Frank is solely responsible for the \$304,000. Five per cent."

At 8:52 p.m., the unknown male speaking with RE CUPIDO left the apartment.

Other remarks overheard spoken by [redacted] were, "Man is broke ... 14 months ago ... \$4000 cold cash. I talked to my money man in San Francisco. \$20,000 a month, we know the place cannot make that much money ... Frank took advantage of my friendship... When Leo called me here I said, 'Don't even buy a sandwich' ... five per cent ... \$304,000. Frank is solely

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"responsible for it. I'm responsible to Frank but he's responsible for the \$304,000. ... That's where Frank is stuck. He's stuck on the five per cent. ... No five per cent. ... \$20,000. Jimmie takes the five per cent."

(From the above, it appears that the LA PORTE group has put \$304,000 in cash to buy earth moving equipment which is now under the supervision of BOMPENSIERO. FRATIANNIO is somehow taking five per cent of the proceeds and BOMPENSIERO apparently is not making much money. From above it may be assumed that LEO MOCERI has also been consulted as to his investing in this trucking operation and was warned against it by [redacted])

April 7, 1966

No information of value obtained.

April 8, 1966

[redacted] made plans to move in the near future to another house so that his wife could stay with him.

April 9 and 10, 1966

BOMPENSIERO returned to San Diego for the weekend and [redacted] and wife remained alone in El Centro where on April 10, 1966 a green and white pickup truck, bearing California license M 97624, was parked outside [redacted] apartment in El Centro most of the day.

April 11, 1966

BOMPENSIERO returned to El Centro. Great deal of talk about trucking matters. [redacted] was heard to say, "Cheech (BOMPENSIERO) he's been going around me. From the bottom of my heart, if it hadn't been for me the Fratianno Trucks would not be working here- you know that." BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] were heard to mention "precious metals." Also, "Bar or river bed in Northern California - \$1000 a ton. Trucks can't get in there."

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"3000 pounds a day. I want something for the wife. ... \$2 to \$5 dirt. ... A little plant and a dump truck. I could make \$75 to \$100 a day. It would probably cost \$10 a day for labor and a truck. Less than that in Mexico. ... One of those Portland generators that work on gravity. ... You pick it up and it just washes away. Need plenty of water."

Later in the evening [redacted] and BOMPENSIERO were overheard in conversation. [redacted] remarked, "I'd rather not have anything to do with Fratianno." BOMPENSIERO: "Me personally, I can't trust the man. He can't put those trucks to work, see? His job is no good." A few minutes later BOMPENSIERO received a call from JEWEL (FRATIANNIO in Sacramento) and apparently received some kind of instructions regarding payroll matters, etc. dealing with the Fratianno Trucks.

From comments made by [redacted] and BOMPENSIERO on the phone there was a possibility FRATIANNIO was in the El Centro area on the night of April 11, 1966 but stayed at a different place and was not located.

April 12, 1966

Great deal of talk about trucking operations and possibly FRATIANNIO was in the apartment, from orders given regarding these operations, but Agents on duty not familiar with FRATIANNIO's voice and could not be sure he was in the apartment.

[redacted] returned to the apartment driving a bronze Chevrolet El Camino pickup, bearing California license N 77304. Later BOMPENSIERO heard on the phone to say, "Yeah - Jimmie - I don't know. We got trucks breaking down. Some OL trucks and some of yours. How should I know. I'm not a truck man. We need more trucks. ... Starts tomorrow at the Desert Inn. (Here BOMPENSIERO possibly speaking of Tournament of Champions Golf Match). Saturday or Sunday. ... He's moving to Fourth and Laurel."

Later in the evening while BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] were occupying the apartment a man entered and [redacted]

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introduced BOMPENSIERO as FRANK GAVIN - associated with Fratianno Trucking. [] and the unknown male discussed taxes and apparently the unknown male came by to make an appointment for an audit. Unknown male left without his identity being established. As soon as he left, [] called his wife [] in Huntington Beach and asked her if she was having trouble with the taxes. He then told her if she had any trouble she should get in touch with []

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[] received a phone call and stated, "Yeah. Where is that mine? Puwana (Phonetic) - where's that? By Chihuahua - well, listen Wally put all the information in an envelope and send it to me. I'll let you know if we can get together." After hanging up, [] explained to BOMPENSIERO, "That's Wally - the Mexican kid from San Diego who has a gold mine."

Later BOMPENSIERO heard talking to unknown male bitterly complaining about [] supervision of trucking operations and repairs. Later in a conversation between BOMPENSIERO and one of the trucking supervisors called "Chuck", BOMPENSIERO was heard to say, "Everything goes to the shop. They don't fix anything themselves. I don't know how they make a business pay. But that's going to change because my buddy from Chicago is flying down Monday."

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"Chuck" answered, "Oh yeah. Is that where Fratianno is from?" BOMPENSIERO: "No this is another buddy that's flying down."

Later "Chuck" left and [] returned and BOMPENSIERO said to [] "He told me to call him at the ranch."

Later BOMPENSIERO apparently received a call from FRATIANNIO resulting in a heated discussion regarding trucking matters, missing truck tires, etc.

At this time, BOMPENSIERO told FRATIANNIO that he had just received a subpoena to appear before the Federal Grand Jury

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in New York. BOMPENSIERO indicated to FRATIANNO that he wanted to get in touch with LA PORTE right away as a result of the subpoena. He asked FRATIANNO for LA PORTE's number and wrote down 209-887-3622. (This is the area code for Stockton, California, and probably the number there where LA PORTE was staying). BOMPENSIERO then complained that he was "running with a bunch of lunatics" and stated, "Which one. You got to go to a lawyer before you go do a thing like that."

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Later BOMPENSIERO was heard to say to [REDACTED] "He'll call Cheech." (Apparently FRATIANNO will call LA PORTE). "I should have called him last night. Cheech will be in Sunday. Cheech will straighten this thing out."

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Later BOMPENSIERO attempted to place a call to LA PORTE at his sister's home in the Stockton, California area, but LA PORTE was not in. When he hung up, [REDACTED] admonished him for not making the call person to person, but BOMPENSIERO answered, "Yeah, I know but I don't want to use no names on the phone." [REDACTED] answered, "You could have called for Frank Peters or any other name." (FRANK PETERS is the alias used by LA PORTE while staying at the Holiday Lodge in Reno).

Later on April 13, 1966, BOMPENSIERO received a call which was apparently from LA PORTE and was heard to say, "Cheech! Subpoena. Yeah, I just called you. I got one. Right here on the job. I want to talk to you. I don't know. Call me Saturday. I'll be home. New York - next month sometime. Jim Collins. ... Talk to Angelo (apparently La Cosa Nostra hoodlum ANGELO MARINO, his cousin, in San Jose, California) but not the other guys. Coming by yourself? Oh! Is Lou with you? I'll be home this weekend. You have the number there? I'll talk to you Saturday then. Well it's going okay. A bunch of trucks broke down. OL and Fratianno. He's here. Want to talk to 'Uncle Freddie?'"

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After that [] got on the phone and spoke to LA PORTE for a few minutes, asking him when he was coming down to El Centro and it would be good to see him.

Later in the evening an unknown male arrived driving a 1964 bronze Chevrolet, bearing California license KDK 955. (Registered to [] Colton, California). This unknown male talked to [] about mining in general. He said he would send the ore samples in to be checked for value. He and [] then apparently were looking at ore samples brought back by [] from Mexico and the stranger asked, "Did all these come from different sections of the same mine?" [] answered, "No, but it is all real close together."

This stranger then told BOMPENSIERO and [] that he was personally acquainted with [] owner of the Culligan Soft Water Company, and that [] was attempting to gold mine under an underground river which runs through New Mexico.

April 14, 1966

At 5:40 a.m. BOMPENSIERO and [] were in their apartment and BOMPENSIERO exclaimed in agitated tones "Jimmie (FRATIANNIO) wants to take Frank (LA PORTE) to Reno but Frank wants to come here and see me." "Jimmie wants to keep Frank away from the trucks as he doesn't want Frank to see them. Frank hasn't seen the trucks since he bought them in Chino. Why should Frank want to go to Reno? The last time he was in Reno it cost him \$10,000." (BOMPENSIERO then used obscene terms in regard to "Jimmie" (FRATIANNIO) and [] (believed to be [] prior manager of the Holiday Lodge in Reno) and "that Prince of Wales" (identity unknown).) "I told Jimmie he better be down here on Monday or Tuesday. Jimmie said he was trying to get a job in Reno." Again in obscene terms BOMPENSIERO accused FRATIANNIO of trying to trick LA PORTE.

Later BOMPENSIERO and [] returned to the apartment. [] placed a call to an [] (Phonetic), area code 213 (Los Angeles). [] said to [] "Your

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"buddy is trying to pull one off - to buy his own trailers and go to work. I don't want to buy any more trucks. I'm getting one story from you and one from your boss. I want trucks over the weekend for work on Monday. I'm leaving here 12:30 Friday for Los Angeles. I'll call you in the morning."

BOMPENSIERO and [] later returned to the apartment and BOMPENSIERO received a call saying, "Have you seen Chuck today? Oh Yeah. Would you tell him what I said? He's coming down. Yeah, now don't get no big lawyer, you know, attorney - that's right don't go get one that's going to cost a lot - yeah maybe 2½ - that's okay. Yeah I'm absolutely certain he's coming down. No No he's not going over there. I just talked to him last night. When are you going? That's the same time I'm going to New York the first week of May. Yeah, but I still love her. Well, we both like the same things and it's hard to find someone like that. You know what I mean."

Later [] received a call from a [] and [] advised [] that JIMMIE FRATIENNO called him and said he did not want to pay for the service. "He's buying Japanese tires. The other end of the company (LA PORTE) will be here Monday or Tuesday and I'll get it all straightened out."

[] to BOMPENSIERO "These people are my friends, I have no trouble with them. I owe the guy five grand."

[] then called his wife about taxes and was quite concerned. After which he informed her FRANK LA PORTE was expected in El Centro Monday or Tuesday.

BOMPENSIERO was then heard to make a call to 916-426-9972 and inquire about purchasing tires and then exclaimed he had to call "Cheech" as he had no money. That he wanted "the whole bit for cash."

After this conversation, [] was heard to tell BOMPENSIERO "Jimmie is a good talker. He's conned you. You don't know the business."

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Later BOMPENSIERO received a call from LA PORTE and he complained about the working conditions in El Centro and that he had to talk with LA PORTE about the problems involved in the trucking operations. In this conversation, BOMPENSIERO told LA PORTE that he had talked to "Chic" and that "Chic" suggested they talk it over with CHEECH (identity of "Chic" not known at this time).

After this, BOMPENSIERO talked with LA PORTE in Sicilian and his conversation was not intelligible.

He then lapsed into English and in an excited manner stated, "She filed the papers and he's been served with the copies. Up until today he hasn't told me a dam thing. He doesn't know I know it. I have the original. He was served. He called me in San Bernardino. I want to see you. Saturday, huh? I'll meet you at the airport Saturday. Yeah, I'll be home Friday afternoon. Right. Gambling is your business and liquor is my business." (As if to indicate that he and LA PORTE were in over their heads in the trucking operations). After this call, BOMPENSIERO was heard to say to [redacted] "All you got to do is get a couple of liquor dealers to put some liquor in and it's all fixed. Gambling is Frank's business."

April 15, 1966

BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] in their apartment at 5:32 a.m. speaking in Sicilian. BOMPENSIERO heard to mention San Francisco and "the kid wants to be a big shot." Later [redacted] made the remark, "I don't like all this petty bickering" and BOMPENSIERO replied, "We're working against each other." [redacted] then talked about his health, indicating he has high blood pressure and possibly heart trouble for which he takes medication.

[redacted] and BOMPENSIERO then left El Centro to return to their respective homes for the weekend.

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Upon arrival home in San Diego on April 15, 1966 BOMPENSIERO was heard [redacted] to make a call. Stated "Hello [redacted] I've got to see you right away it's important." BOMPENSIERO left his apartment and was gone, however, before he could be surveilled safely. (It is believed this call was made in all probability to [redacted] - Capo. San Diego branch of the Los Angeles La Cosa Nostra family as this would be the first opportunity BOMPENSIERO would have had to advise his Capo of receipt of subpoena).

April 16, 1966 at San Diego, California

PCI [redacted] BOMPENSIERO early in the morning of April 16, 1966 talking to [redacted] in their apartment. BOMPENSIERO was "stalking" around his apartment yelling like a madman. He was extremely upset. His emotional outburst was apparently caused by the subpoena. [redacted]

[redacted] BOMPENSIERO demanding that he be provided with a "round-trip plane ticket over there and back - room and board and a salary" and that he did not "want to get stuck over there." (It is believed these statements made by BOMPENSIERO probably refer to his expenses involved in traveling each week to El Centro and back to San Diego and that he was having trouble making any profit).

A few minutes later [redacted] BOMPENSIERO shouting, "They don't want my name in the papers." He mentioned the name [redacted] several times while talking about someone being fearful about his name being in the newspapers. (BOMPENSIERO probably referring to [redacted] being fearful of any publicity as a result of BOMPENSIERO being subpoenaed.)

BOMPENSIERO also heard to make the statement, "There is plenty but the trouble is getting it out of there. I have the contacts."

Later [redacted] was heard to say to BOMPENSIERO, "You can ask him for anything you want." [redacted] BOMPENSIERO mention the name [redacted] several times. She heard BOMPENSIERO mention

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"Mafia in New York" and say "those guys own all kinds of shops and drive around all day in big cars killing people."

She also heard BOMPENSIERO state that he would be meeting FRANK (LA PORTE) at the hotel. [redacted] him mention "Swiss bank and the Chase Manhattan Bank," "if I were a stool pigeon" and "I'm not going to know him."

The informant also advised that apparently [redacted] [redacted] had at an earlier time received a call for BOMPENSIERO and read off some notes she made using the names [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] repeat the telephone number 264-3434 as a number BOMPENSIERO should call collect (not in San Diego area) and long distance zone unknown.

On April 16, 1966, BOMPENSIERO was surveilled the entire day but FRANK LA PORTE failed to appear. On April 17, 1966, however, BOMPENSIERO, while under surveillance, went to the Mission Valley Inn Hotel, San Diego, cocktail lounge where he joined FRANK LA PORTE and a local Italian hoodlum named [redacted]. Investigation there determined that LA PORTE had checked into the Mission Valley Inn on Sunday, April 17, 1966, at 1:47 p.m. as F. LA PORTE and was occupying rooms 260 - 261.

While under surveillance in the cocktail lounge of the Mission Valley Inn, LA PORTE was overheard to ask BOMPENSIERO when LEO would be back (probably LEO MOCERI) and BOMPENSIERO answered, "In a couple of weeks."

April 18, 1966

On Monday, April 18, 1966, LA PORTE and BOMPENSIERO kept under surveillance. BOMPENSIERO joined LA PORTE at the Mission Valley Inn at which time he checked out and it was discovered that LA PORTE was traveling with a blonde female, approximately thirty-eight, and a white male approximately forty-five of Italian appearance. BOMPENSIERO drove them all to El Centro where they checked into the Travelodge Motel. LA PORTE and the girl occupied room 10 and LA PORTE's male

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companion occupied room 9. LA PORTE's male companion appeared to be a bodyguard and general flunky. He registered the group into the motel as [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. (At another motel in El Centro where they did not stay after looking at the rooms, [redacted] gave his address as [redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois).

BOMPENSIERO occupied apartment 26A in El Centro and did not stay at the Travelodge Motel with the LA PORTE group, but frequently visited there. [redacted] also returned to El Centro on Monday, April 18, 1966. [redacted] and BOMPENSIERO were again visited by the driver of a Chevrolet, California license KDK 955, who has been determined to be [redacted] 944 Illinois Avenue, Colton, California. This person said, "I sent the samples in for a test. They don't run them except on the reactor. The best sample was from the bottom level. They ran it through the reactor and it was 1200 ounces silver and 3 ounces gold. They like to run the reactor on high grade ore."

This person left and BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] talked about a business statement and BOMPENSIERO stated that he wanted to show it to LA PORTE.

Later in the day, BOMPENSIERO placed a call to JEWEL FRATIANNO and discussed pay checks for the truck drivers, etc. BOMPENSIERO was heard to make the statement, "The kid took the phone out of the apartment but he doesn't know where he put it. La Duce (?) Motel and Trailer Park - he has the phone there? No phone there. We have been arguing with Jim. Frank is here with me. Yeah, he's here with Frank. I don't want to say too much on the phone, someone may be listening. [redacted] has one deal and we another." Later [redacted] received a call from JIMMIE FRATIANNO at 9:40 a.m. and was heard to mention the name "Bubbles."

Later on April 18, 1966, BOMPENSIERO attempted to place a call to ANGELO (MARINO) and talked to ANGELO's son, learning ANGELO not at home. BOMPENSIERO then made a call to some girl and talked about a date and told her he was going to Los Angeles on the following Monday and then later to New York.

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April 19, 1966

No information of value overheard in apartment 26A. Most of the conversations took place between BOMPENSIERO and LA PORTE and at times [] around the swimming pool at the Travelodge Motel. The conversation overheard in BOMPENSIERO's apartment concerned trucking operations. The motel room next to [] was obtained as this room had a locked adjoining door. Through this adjoining door on the evening of April 19, 1966 BOMPENSIERO and [] were heard in the room. [] used his telephone credit card, number 295-37R 75546-086, and attempted to contact ANGELO MARINO in San Jose, California. He called the following numbers in an effort to reach him without success:

(408) 294-2558
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LA PORTE visited this room for a few minutes and was overheard to say on the phone, "They don't want to pay their dam bills over there. ... I ain't going to give them the stuff... Wasn't Jimmie supposed to meet you over there? They don't want to pay anyone over there.... I thought you were supposed to meet them Thursday night. He said he had a million dollars... They won't even pay - ." (Rest of conversation not heard because of television noise).

LA PORTE's girl friend then complained bitterly to LA PORTE and said, "I'm getting dam bored with this hole. I've been coming to California with you for years and we always end up in a dirty place like this with a bottle of Scotch and those dam cigars."

On April 19, 1966, the Chicago Division identified [] as an employee of La Porte Co-op Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and a messenger - chauffer for LA PORTE. The girl was believed to be [] LA PORTE's paramour.

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April 20, 1966 - At Travelodge Motel

LA PORTE joined [] in his room to watch television and there was some talk regarding gold but television noise made it inaudible. Several meetings occurred between LA PORTE, [] BOMPENSIERO and [] but always around the swimming pool out of hearing.

In apartment 26A much agitated talk about trucking problems. BOMPENSIERO was heard talking to [] (probably []) and had a discussion relative to ore samples shipment to South Gate, California for analysis.

April 21, 1966

BOMPENSIERO received a call from unknown individual and advised he would be in Los Angeles on the following Monday, April 25, 1966. Numerous phone calls received and made regarding trucking operations.

At the Travelodge Motel all discussions out of hearing around swimming pool.

April 22, 1966 - Room 9, Travelodge Motel

LA PORTE, [] and BOMPENSIERO in discussion. [] "5 at 9100 that equals 45,500." BOMPENSIERO: "Right on the head 400,200.... Get on the payroll for so much a month... As long as I'm a partner - get on the payroll for 100, 200 weekly." []: "It's an investment we've got to make and wait - long range. We pay \$6000 a month over there another 9 months it should be finished. \$6400.17 a month is what it figures up to be - \$1900.05." BOMPENSIERO: "He owes \$5000 to the bank on a note. They just bought them a month ago." LA PORTE: "He owes 6400. 6400 mortgage. 1900 on number 2. 5000 in the bank is a loan. 65,000 on number 1. They have got a note at the bank for a year or two. I don't know what the plan is." [] "55,000 plus 50,000 plus 5000 plus 6000 equals 116,000 right on the head."

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BOMPENSIERO: "Right." [redacted] "There's no sense in your friend not knowing this." BOMPENSIERO: "How the hell can I recommend when you have got to put up money like that. I'll talk to Leo and that is it." LA PORTE: "The reason I'm doing this, I'm trying to save trouble." [redacted] "It's a long range investment Frank. Some months you will make the proposed 8000 other months you may go in the hole." BOMPENSIERO: "It's like Jimmie over there..." [redacted] "It's a long range plan that won't pay off with a good profit." BOMPENSIERO: "If you're in legitimate business it's hard to make good money."

During this time, LA PORTE's girl friend was present, entering and leaving the room several times and was heard to say that she was waiting for a phone call from [redacted]

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April 23, 1966

[redacted] wife joined him in El Centro and he and wife joined the LA PORTE group in several conversations and out for dinner.

On Friday, April 22, 1966, the Los Angeles Division advised that [redacted] was contacted and informed that he had received a telephone call from JIMMIE FRATIANNO at 11:35 p.m., April 21, 1966. (This information can only be set out in the administrative pages of a report). FRATIANNO asked [redacted] to get in touch with NICK LICATA (underboss to FRANK DESIMONE in the Los Angeles family) and have LICATA arrange for LICATA and LOUIS TOM DRAGNA to come to San Diego, California, on either Saturday or Sunday, April 23 - April 24, 1966 for a conference with FRANK BOMPENSIERO. In the converse FRATIANNO told the informant that the government had "slapped a paper on Frank Bompensiero." FRATIANNO stated he did not know the purpose behind this.

Informant advised that he had gotten in touch with LICATA and LICATA had talked to DRAGNA but they were very dubious about coming to San Diego because LICATA feared the FBI was watching everybody too closely for an open meeting. LICATA stated that he might have JOE DIPPOLITO (the Capo in Ontario -

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Upland, California area) contact Capo [] in San Diego to see why the conference was requested.

(LOUIS TOM DRAGNA drives a 1964 gray Thunderbird, California license OLD 719, and [] drives a 1963 white Chevrolet, California license KBM 046).

At El Centro, California

The LA PORTE group remained at the Travelodge Motel, spending the day around the swimming pool.

In San Diego PCI [] alerted but reported the only activity in BOMPENSIERO's apartment was the arrival of three unidentified men, all Italian in appearance, and a woman in a late model Cadillac, California license HFS 936. Conversations could not be overheard. This Cadillac determined registered to [], 14556 Margate, Van Nuys, California. (It is noted previous toll call check reflected a telephone call made by BOMPENSIERO to [] on February 9, 1966).

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April 24, 1966

LA PORTE group traveled via Bonanza Airlines from El Centro to San Diego where they checked into rooms 200 and 221 at the Mission Valley Inn at 2:25 p.m., registering as [] and party. They were picked up at the San Diego airport by BOMPENSIERO.

April 25, 1966

BOMPENSIERO observed leaving his residence at 8:30 a.m. alone in his silver gray 1965 Pontiac Grand Prix, California license NSC 059 and proceeded via U. S. Highway 101 toward Los Angeles. At San Juan Capistrano, he was turned over to Los Angeles units. (At San Diego on April 25, 1966 LA PORTE checked out of the Mission Valley Inn and at 2:05 p.m. took United Flight Number 110 to Los Angeles where he had reservations on United Flight 518 to San Francisco and then to Stockton, California, where he was scheduled to arrive 5:15 p.m., April 25, 1966).

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On April 24, 1966, the Los Angeles Division advised that BOMPENSIERO entered the Los Angeles area, conferred with La Cosa Nostra hoodlum leader JOHN ROSELLI, and then proceeded toward El Centro, California, where he was observed arriving at his apartment in El Centro on the afternoon of April 25, 1966.

April 26, 1966

BOMPENSIERO received call from JIMMIE indicating JIMMIE would be coming from Sacramento on a plane out of San Diego at 8:20 p.m. the following night. BOMPENSIERO also made phone call to LA PORTE regarding trucking problems. Numerous calls regarding trucking operations received by BOMPENSIERO and [redacted]

April 27, 1966

[redacted] again joined by [redacted] later at 6:21 p.m., on April 27, 1966, [redacted] was in the apartment alone and called an unknown party and asked about the unknown party's wife, [redacted] and the unknown party then talked about trucks. [redacted] said that LA PORTE got \$10,000 from O&L Factory - carried it as a fund or from a fund - on income tax to "beat the tax."

Later [redacted] was joined in the apartment by a male named [redacted] driving a car with California license NGW 453. Their talk consisted of trucking operations. [redacted] told him about a mining project in Mexico and showed him maps. [redacted] mentioned previous mining work done in Mexico in 1960 near Chihuahua, Mexico. [redacted] received a phone call from either Las Vegas or Bakersfield and talked about titanium and an unknown substance selling for \$40 a unit. [redacted] asked whether it was a mine or an open pit and said 80 per cent titanium and that it would be sold to National Lead. [redacted] said the mine is below Chihuahua, Mexico, that he has 200 pounds of an unknown substance being sent up by train and he would take delivery in Mexico for testing. [redacted] also claimed gold and silver were "down there." [redacted] told this party named [redacted] that he wanted [redacted] to meet LA PORTE, who was

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backing [] venture in Mazatlan, Mexico. He told [] that LA PORTE was in Sacramento and would be in Stockton most of the week. [] said that LA PORTE paid \$350,000 in cash for trucks and trailers for a man in Stockton. [] told [] that LA PORTE has a large mill in Bridgeport, Nevada. [] indicated that he would come to El Centro and [] said they would then call LA PORTE.

Later LA PORTE called BOMPENSIERO and [] took the call. Later [] advised BOMPENSIERO that [] called and that [] (phonetic) wanted to talk to LA PORTE.

Later on April 27, 1966, BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO arrived in the apartment along with [] who then left. FRATIANNO placed a call to [] (LNU) and talked to him about a construction job at Lake Tahoe. He also called him [] FRATIANNO then called Sacramento 421-5073 to talk about leased cars.

FRATIANNO then talked to [] and BOMPENSIERO about two rental cars and told them the cars were leased by his wife, [], and by []. They are supposed to pay for them. He told them about the FBI interviewing his wife, [] and that he was supposed to have bought one of the cars for a girl friend. He claimed the FBI also showed his wife a mug shot of [] but said that his wife did not "tell them anything."

FRATIANNO then placed a call to CHERCH (LA PORTE) and also told LA PORTE about FBI Agents contacting his wife, []

Then BOMPENSIERO, [] and FRATIANNO talked in low whispers and at various times the word FBI could be heard. BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO later left the apartment with BOMPENSIERO saying he was taking FRATIANNO to his motel.

(On April 28, 1966, the San Francisco Division advised that []

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April 28, 1966

BOMPENSIERO heard speaking on phone to Sacramento asking about "Herman" and talked about trucking operations. FRATIANNO later joined BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] in the apartment and talked about "slots" in Las Vegas and ready money. Spoke in low tones and at times whispered. FRATIANNO then used the phone to make reservations, two doubles and a single, at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas for the coming weekend of April 30 - May 1, 1966. That call to the Sands Hotel was made at 1:47 p.m., April 28, 1966, and the reservations were made in the name of GAVIN (the alias used by BOMPENSIERO). Numerous calls made regarding trucking operations by FRATIANNO, using credit card number, R-421-5073-160.

Later phone call received by [redacted] in which he told the calling party about his silver mine in Mazatlan, Mexico, and that he would be going home for the weekend and upon return to El Centro would be staying at the Coronado Motel in El Centro.

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Later BOMPENSIERO arrived after numerous phone calls and RE CUPIDO informed him that he had been called by "Cheech" and by an ANGELO from Milwaukee.

Later BOMPENSIERO received a call from "Duke" and BOMPENSIERO told him he would call him back later.

On the evening of April 28, 1966, BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] were visited by a man driving a 1964 Dodge Dart, California license E39950, which was determined registered to [redacted] of the California State Public Utilities Commission Office in El Centro.

Later FRATIANNO on the phone called Las Vegas again and made reservations to see the stage show "Hello Dolly."

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These reservations in Las Vegas were made in the name of [redacted] and FRATIANNO was heard to say, "Be sure you thank Carl Cohen for the tickets." After this call, FRATIANNO told BOMPENSIERO he would be flying to Las Vegas on Saturday from San Diego and that he would see that "they" got a good table.

April 29, 1966

RE CUPIDO, BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO in 26A intermittently. At 8:10 a.m., FRATIANNO placed a call to LA PORTE, calling him "Cheech" and advised he would be in Las Vegas on April 30, 1966 - May 1, 1966 and would be back in El Centro on Monday or Tuesday.

BOMPENSIERO then talked to LA PORTE, calling him "Cheech" and stated "something going on tomorrow," then talked in Sicilian, and ended saying, "I'm going to see if he meets this gal tomorrow. I'll be here Tuesday."

FRATIANNO got back on the phone to LA PORTE saying, "We need a good mechanic. I'm about to get things lined up here and will be in good shape. I'll spend a lot of time here. Oil deal - I might be able to sell some of the stuff. I've got a loader - I give him 10. Call us at Marie's tonight at 10:30 - Cheech and I together." In addition, much other talk about trucking operations.

[redacted] later on heard making arrangements to move out of the apartment and into a motel.

At 9:51 a.m., FRATIANNO placed calls to his home and business office in Sacramento and talked to [redacted] (his daughter) regarding trucking operations and mailing pay checks. He continually referred to HERMAN as a person apparently vital to his trucking operations. FRATIANNO made one statement of interest in this conversation, "I told [redacted] to get out of there - there is no such thing as criminal action."

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Later FRATIANNO, BOMPENSIERO and [] were heard discussing expense accounts and the problem of putting personal calls on the expense account which might make the entire expense unacceptable to Internal Revenue Service. [] complained about getting back \$116 he paid in telephone calls and apparently the group were confused about distinguishing calls wherein personal and business matters were mentioned.

Later BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO were heard discussing airplanes and different airlines and the rental of airplanes. FRATIANNO then talked to the phone company about putting his phone in apartment 53 at the Jay L. Jay Apartments. FRATIANNO then later received a call apparently from someone who would be coming to work for him and told him that when he got to the job in El Centro to contact [] apparently will be living for awhile with BOMPENSIERO in apartment 53 and will possibly be FRATIANNO's "man" in El Centro. There is a good possibility he is [] who FRATIANNO put up at the Holiday Lodge for awhile while finding a place for him).

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At one point during this day, [] was heard talking to BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO and mentioned having signed a \$10,000 note with LEO MOCHERI and now wants to change the arrangement but he was talked out of it by BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO.

(In view of the subpoena received by [] to appear before the New York Federal Grand Jury, he was contacted at El Centro by SA [] while on the job at the freeway construction site).

He admitted having received a subpoena and advised at that time that he was regularly employed by the Fratianno Trucking Company and the Co-op Trucking Company. He stated they have ten big trucks working on the job, in addition to many trailers. He receives a salary of \$150 per week, plus a small equity in the business if the job shows a profit. He also pointed out his 1965 Pontiac Grand Prix parked nearby and stated that belongs to the company and was leased for his use. He stated that although he had served his time in jail none of his friends would give him a job as he is now sixty years of age and that is why he is working for JIMMIE FRATIANNO.

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He exhibited the subpoena and the attachment, calling for [redacted]

[redacted] described with a relation thereto. He stated that he did not know anyone or anything on the list and denied any connection whatever with [redacted]

[redacted] or information to furnish.

[redacted] stated that he was working five days a week and could not afford taking time off from his job to go to New York and wished to save the government the expense of having him appear there since he had nothing to furnish.

He was invited to the Resident Agency at El Centro to discuss this and any other related matters, but stated he did not have the time but that he was anxious to talk to the FBI about this subpoena and stated that he would be in San Diego on Saturday, April 30, 1966, and wanted very much to come to the office at that time. His offer was accepted.

On Saturday, April 30, 1966, [redacted] did arrive at the office for his interview with SA [redacted] but he was accompanied by his attorney, [redacted] of San Diego.

[redacted] was advised of his rights. He stated that in 1950 he and TOM JONES, now deceased, and others, organized the Maestro Music Company in San Diego to operate juke boxes and other coin vending machines. He invested \$5000 and received 18 per cent of the stock. He claimed all the stock holders signed a contract that when they sold out they had to sell their stock to the corporation. In 1954, he got into legal difficulties as the state brought bribery charges against him in its probe of high state officials in the Alcohol Beverage Control. He had to sell his stock for attorney's fees. He sold his shares back to Maestro Music Company. At that time one of the stock holders was [redacted] who purchased some of that stock as a shareholder but that he did not sell his stock directly to [redacted]. He denied that at this time [redacted] was a stock holder in Maestro Music Company.

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He stated that since that time he has held no stock in Maestro or any other juke box or vending machine company. He denied having any interest in [] or any of its subsidiaries. He was questioned concerning any conversation he might have had with one (FNU) [] from Los Angeles two or three years ago at the Continental Restaurant in La Mesa, California. He stated he never heard of any such person and never had any such conversation and never talked to anyone about [] and had no information regarding []

[] claimed he was just trying to work for a living and that he was a foreman or expeditor for the Fratianno Trucking Company and the Co-op Trucking Company. It is his job to see that the trucks are repaired immediately and drivers available to operate them. He claimed he received a \$75 a week salary from Fratianno Trucking, plus the use of the 1965 Pontiac. In regard to the Co-op Trucking Company, [] claimed there are a number of stock holders but he claimed he did not know the names of all of them. They have borrowed money and now have seven trucks and six heavy dump trailers on the job in El Centro. He received \$75 a week from Co-op as a salary and eventually when the trucks are paid for he is to receive a 20 per cent interest in the company. He admitted the money to purchase the trucks and trailers had been put up by FRANK LA PORTE of Chicago but he claimed LA PORTE borrowed the money from a Chicago bank and Co-op Trucking was paying off the loan from the proceeds received from the work done with the trucks. [] stated he did not put up any money himself at all. [] then described the troubles he was having operating in the El Centro area with county and state regulations, etc.

In view of the presence of his attorney, the above information was received on a voluntary basis, but no interrogation was made especially in regard to his association and contact with La Cosa Nostra hoodlums.

On April 29, 1966, at San Diego

Surveillance was maintained at the San Diego airport and FRATIANNIO was observed flying in from El Centro at 9:50 p.m.,

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April 29, 1966. He was picked up by BOMPENSIERO and spent the entire night at BOMPENSIERO's apartment. Surveillance was maintained at [redacted] however, the expected phone call from FRANK LA PORTE at 10:30 p.m. apparently was not received. FRATIANNO was heard speaking to someone named [redacted] on the phone regarding trucking matters and later told BOMPENSIERO that ROY had a very lucrative contract in Oregon on the Washington border.

Surveillance was discontinued and apparently FRATIANNO left for Las Vegas for the weekend.

On Monday, May 2, 1966, BOMPENSIERO returned to his job at El Centro. BOMPENSIERO left El Centro about noon, May 3, 1966, and returned to El Centro at 12:35 a.m., May 4, 1966, accompanied by FRATIANNO. From conversation overheard it appeared BOMPENSIERO picked up FRATIANNO in Palm Springs, California, and both had been into Los Angeles before returning to El Centro.

As of May 2, 1966, BOMPENSIERO, later joined by FRATIANNO, occupied their new apartment, number 51, at the Jay L. Jay Apartments, utilizing telephone 352-7854. Surveillance Agents moved into apartment 53 with a thin common wall between the two adjoining studio apartments.

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Jimmie Fratianno, etc.

AR

(OO: San Francisco)

FRANK BOMPENSIERO, aka.
Frank Gavin, etc.

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(OO: San Diego)

FRANK LA PORTE, aka.

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(OO: Chicago)

LEO MOSCERI, aka.
Calogero Mosceri (True Name), etc.

AR

(OO: Cleveland)

Re San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 5/6/66 bearing the above caption but submitted in the file relating to FRANK BOMPENSIERO, aka., AR, OO: San Diego, Bufile 92-3163, San Diego file 92-25.

The enclosed insert sets forth information obtained from surveillance of captioned subjects in the San Diego Division and related investigation. For the most part, the information obtained was by surveilling Agents who were able to overhear subjects' conversations without trespass, and, if necessary at any future date, any part of this information can be furnished in testimony. In reporting this information, however, extreme care should be taken to protect the identity of informants and the method used in obtaining the information.

(See [redacted] copies made.)

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For information of the Bureau and all offices, San Diego has discontinued the FISUR at the American Motel, El Centro, California, and investigation of these subjects will be continued through contacts with informants and sources and physical surveillances.

LEADS

All offices will check their indices to see if subscriber to telephone number 252-7524 has previously been identified.

LOS ANGELES

AT CABAZON, CALIFORNIA. Will note that FRATIANNO visited with [] for three hours on 7/6/66, and will attempt to determine the purpose of this conference.

AT SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA. Will note that FRATIANNO attempted to call [] at telephone numbers 278-7854 and PA 1-4065(?), and will fully identify []

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will identify [] (LNU) and [] (LNU) at Jackman and Sons in downtown Los Angeles, California, and report any known hoodlum connections.

Will identify [] (LNU) at PR 5-1537, called by FRATIANNO 6/24/66, and conduct criminal, credit and indices checks concerning him.

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Attempt to identify subscribers to telephone number 262-745? whom FRATIANNO tried to call on 6/24/66 and determine if this attempted call has significance.

Fully identify [] (LNU) whom FRATIANNO called at 663-2745 on 6/21/66, referring to her as his girl. See also conversation on 7/7/66.

Check indices on [] (PH) and report available information.

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LEADS (CONTINUED)

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. Will identify the subscribers to the following telephone numbers and determine any modlum connections:

649-1710 (Call to [] (LNU) 6/15/66)

401-0169 (Call 6/24/66)

924-408? (Call for FRATIANNIO by someone named [] (Ph) 7/5/66, in which name [] (Ph) was mentioned)

Will check indices on [] (Ph) and report any available information.

AT FT. BRAGG, CALIFORNIA. Note FRATIANNIO's call to [] (LNU), telephone number 707 964-4566, on 6/28/66, and fully identify CLARENCE and his association with FRATIANNIO.

Determine the nature of FRATIANNIO's hauling contract at Ft. Bragg.

LAS VEGAS

Note FRATIANNIO's call to [] (LNU) and [] on 6/25/66, and attempt to determine what project [] is trying to "get the OK downtown" for.

Will try to identify the person for whom FRATIANNIO was having BENJAMIN make reservations on 6/25/66.

CLEVELAND

AT AKRON, OHIO. Be alert to departure of MOCERI for San Diego and develop all possible information concerning his intended business operations at San Diego.

SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Re San Diego airtel to the Bureau dated 5/6/66, captioned "ALADENA T. FRATIENNO, aka Jimmie Fratianno, etc., AR, (OO: San Francisco); FRANK BOMPENSIERO, aka Frank Gavin, etc., AR, (OO: San Diego); FRANK LA PORTE, aka, AR, (OO: Chicago); LEO MOSCERI, aka Calogero Mosceri (True Name), etc., AR, (OO: Cleveland)," under San Diego file number 92-25, Bufile 92-3163.

As was previously reported on 5/9/66, investigation determined that ALADENA T. (JIMMIE) FRATIENNO and FRANK BOMPENSIERO rented a three-room apartment, No. 75, at the American Motel, El Centro, California, and [redacted] aka., FBI No. 1841017, resided with them in this apartment.

Examination of the apartment directly beneath Apt. No. 75 revealed that portions of conversations in Apt. 75 could be overheard by the human ear in the lower apartment through utilization of the air conditioning system. The manner in which the information was obtained was discussed on a hypothetical basis with AUSA [redacted] San Diego, and he advised that any information so obtained would be admissible as testimony. With Bureau authority, the apartment beneath Apartment No. 75 was rented.

Pertinent information developed through the surveillance thus established up to 5/19/66 is set forth on administrative pages of report of SA [redacted] dated 6/9/66 at San Diego in the case entitled, "FRANK BOMPENSIERO, aka., AR," San Diego file 92-25, Bufile 92-3163, with copies to all offices receiving copies of this communication.

Additional information developed from 5/20 to 7/8/66, when the surveillance was discontinued, is set forth below:

5/20/66 at El Centro, California

[redacted] and FRANK BOMPENSIERO were determined to be residing in the apartment.

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At 12:04 PM, [] made a telephone call in which he stated, ".....\$140, that's ten hours---3.7¢ a ton. They're going to set that all up today. They're giving everybody an extra load this week. This takes effect Monday. D and D will d--n soon leave. They can't make it. I'd like to have a job year in and out at three and a half a ton.Out of nine tires we only got seven. Where'd they come from? Vegas or Sacramento? The bill was made out for seven. They didn't get there yet."

5/20 to 6/12/66

From 5/20 to 6/12/66 only FRANK BOMPENSIERO and [] resided in this apartment, with the exception of weekends, when FRANK BOMPENSIERO returned to 1830 Reed Avenue, San Diego, California, leaving Friday noon and returning early Monday morning. During this period, no pertinent information was developed.

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On 6/13/66 JIMMIE FRATIENNO arrived at El Centro via Bonanza Airlines flight originating at Los Angeles, apparently to settle a strike with the drivers of his trucks. An individual using the name [] arrived in El Centro at about this same time, apparently from the Sacramento area.

The San Francisco Office determined that [] might be identical with [] aka. [] described as a white male, American, born 1/22/38, 6'2", 205 pounds, brown hair and hazel eyes, CII No. 2976353, and a photograph of this individual was forwarded to the San Diego Division. SA [] determined from personal observation that [] was identical with []

On 6/13/66, LEO MOCERI arrived in El Centro, California via Bonanza Airlines and was taken immediately to the apartment in the American Motel by FRANK BOMPENSIERO.

FRATIENNO, MOCERI and BOMPENSIERO were overheard discussing trucking operations, with FRATIENNO complaining about the number of trucks which had broken down and were inoperative.

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At 10:03 AM, FRATIANNO placed a long distance call to [] (LNU), telling [] he is sending Truck 105 up to [] for work and wants some "shells" back. He took [] to task about a repair bill sent to FRATIANNO incurred by [] (LNU), informing [] that [] no longer works for them but now is with an outfit who has a contract to haul cement from Mina to Reno, Nevada. FRATIANNO instructed [] to call him at El Centro, telephone number 352-7854, that night at 6:00 PM. FRATIANNO indicated that [] (LNU) would be leaving that night with a truck.

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After the call, FRATIANNO lectured BOMPENSIERO on the trucking business, claiming that their tires were in good shape but needed proper attention. He instructed that tires should be at 85 pounds pressure and that the big tire should always be mounted on the inside.

FRATIANNO then talked about profits and explained to BOMPENSIERO that it was important that all the trucks be in one place. He claimed that if the trucks could earn \$16 an hour, FRATIANNO could net \$1,000 a month per truck and still make truck payments. FRATIANNO mentioned that his wife was going into their reserve fund to meet the payroll. FRATIANNO claimed that he had \$125,000 of his own money in the operation.

At 11:38 AM, FRATIANNO received a long distance call from someone he referred to as TOM (LNU). He asked TOM about his plane trip and told him to bring some trailers down to El Centro.

After the call, FRATIANNO stated he could have loaned \$50,000 out at one time when he had 90 trucks going. He stated that all he knew was that he had put up ".....(indistinct sum of money) and now they want more." There was some conversation about the price of a house and a car, and FRATIANNO pointed out that there was a possibility that his wife would obtain a divorce. He mentioned that "Yesterday was the worst day we've had."

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At 12:00 PM, FRATIANNIO or MOCERI placed a long distance call to a telephone number believed to be 252-7254, but the person called was not available, and arrangements were made to call back.

At 12:03 PM, MOCERI placed a call to the Townhouse Motel somewhere in Ohio, person-to-person collect, and asked for a [redacted] (phonetic), stating that [redacted] (phonetic) was calling. The person called was not there, and MOCERI asked the operator to get his home telephone number and when he would be back. He then hung up and stated that the man he called was at a golf course, but that he had contacted the answering service of the person he was calling and had left word that he had called.

At 4:58 PM, an individual identified as [redacted] [redacted] Tahoe Valley, California, came to the apartment and was introduced by BOMPENSIERO to LEO MOCERI and JIM FRATIANNIO.

[redacted] was later determined to have been the former manager of the El Centro Van and Storage Company, affiliated with Mayflower Van Lines, and when residing in El Centro was president of the Navy League, member of the Elk's Club, and had a good reputation.

Conversation in the room related to trucking problems, and during the conversation mention was made of an altercation between [redacted] and an unknown individual, resulting in a warrant being sworn out against [redacted] charging assault and battery.

At 6:07 PM, FRATIANNIO received a call from LARRY, in which LARRY informed him that two units would be brought down to El Centro. At this time, FRATIANNIO informed [redacted] that [redacted] (LNU), who had the repair bill, is now working for the McLeod Trucking Company.

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At 8:38 AM, FRATIANNIO received a call from [redacted] (LNU), in which [redacted] apparently reported he was getting "heat" from some source regarding the reported firing of a truck driver named

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[] FRATIANNO told [] "You fellows don't have the whole picture." He then claimed that [] had never been fired, that he was always coming on the job about four hours late and that he got into a fight and just never returned to work. FRATIANNO then said that it was a tough deal, that they were \$238,000 in the hole, that these drivers had a \$30,000 truck and got \$8 an hour. FRATIANNO said he would like to have a deal like that for himself and stated that the drivers often got a job, and after working three or four months, they quit and then claimed they were fired.

At 8:47 AM, FRATIANNO asked the operator for the number of Jackman & Sons of Los Angeles at their downtown location, and put through a call asking for DON, who was not in. An individual named [] (LNU) came on the line, and [] apparently did not recognize FRATIANNO, who then told him that he had not seen him for ten or twelve years. FRATIANNO then mentioned some dealings he had had with [] and then told [] that he wanted him to see a good friend of his from back east. FRATIANNO then gave [] LEO MOCERI's name and apparently mentioned something that [] was to do for [] but this was too indistinct to be understood.

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At 5:40 PM, FRATIANNO made a long distance call, possibly to 649-1710, and talked with [] (LNU). He talked about motors and a working agreement with [] (LNU). FRATIANNO claimed he was going broke and asked to speak with []. He then told [] his drivers cannot pull out, that they would have to quit. He wanted an adjustment with [] as to how many loads a day they were to get out. He complained some of the drivers were driving 60 to 70 miles per hour to get in sixteen loads, and FRATIANNO stated he would not let his drivers go over 55 to 60 miles an hour, and as a result they only get in fourteen loads. He felt that this was not fair, but that he was going to ride with some of his drivers the next day to time them for the round trip at 50 to 55 miles per hour. He stated that if they were only able to get fourteen loads, he was "d--ned if he was going to work ten hours a day for eight hours pay." FRATIANNO then made arrangements to meet AL and DICK the following day to discuss revision of the contract.

After he hung up, FRATIANNO called [] (apparently []) and told him of his talk with []

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[redacted] asked FRATIANNO for some money, and FRATIANNO told him that when he made money, [redacted] would make money, but when he was down like now, he expected [redacted] to stick with him. He told [redacted] that [redacted] was very tired from hard work and was getting tense and irrational, and told him to rest and he would see things more clearly. BOMPENSIERO, FRATIANNO and MOCERI then left, and [redacted] complained to a driver who remained that in order to get parts he had been paying for them out of his own pocket, and now FRATIANNO was refusing to repay him.

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At 1:06 AM, FRATIANNO had a call from a girl friend in Las Vegas, Nevada, and he told her that he had tried to call her three times that day through the answering service at the Desert Inn and other places. She gave him a telephone number, and he was to call her later that day. Later that day, FRATIANNO told BOMPENSIERO, [redacted] and MOCERI that he was being sued for two payments made on a truck involving a driver who claimed he had been fired. The driver wanted the two payments returned.

At 2:50 PM, FRATIANNO was in long distance telephone conversation with JOE (LNU), discussing shipments of tires. He mentioned the name of [redacted] indicating they had something coming from him but would probably be short. FRATIANNO told [redacted] that he could not get reservations out until Sunday and to meet him at 4:40 PM on Sunday, indicating he would be flying on that date. (It was determined that FRATIANNO had a reservation to fly out of El Centro to Los Angeles at 1:40 PM on 6/18/66.)

FRATIANNO then complained about the quality of the drivers of the trucks and told [redacted] he had set up the following schedule:

16 loads in 9½ hours
15 loads in 9 hours
14 loads in 8½ hours
13 loads in 7¾ hours
12 loads in 7 hours

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FRATIANNO then cautioned [] about "hollering" at the men. He stated that they were in a spot and could not afford to lose any more drivers. He then stated that he was going to meet with the truck drivers that night to smooth out his difficulties with them. Later that evening, FRATIANNO stated, "I'll have to work it out with LA PORTE." At this time he was discussing trucking business with BOMPENSIERO, MOCERI and [] and conversation continued concerning problems in the trucking business.

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FRATIANNO made a telephone call to [] and talked to him about complaints of drivers not getting paid. He told NICK to check the time slips and get them paid, as they did not want any trouble. [] again asked for money, and FRATIANNO told him he only had enough to get home. [] wanted a charge account at Sears and Company, but FRATIANNO told him to get the clothing that he wanted from the Army and Navy stores.

After the call, FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO discussed [] agreeing that [] is giving all his money away to his various women. FRATIANNO stated that he was going to get out of this trucking business, as he just could not stand it year after year. In the conversation which followed, there was an indication that BOMPENSIERO may have a financial interest in four of the trucks operating at El Centro. The conversation then turned to an unidentified individual, with FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO angry at him, because he is "making a lot of dough while we are beating our brains out to break even." The two then talked about [] (LNU), and FRATIANNO said, "He lays out 10,000 and gets it back when he takes the bump."

On the afternoon of 6/17/66, FRATIANNO left El Centro via Bonanza Airlines and traveled to Sacramento, California. LEO MOCERI and FRANK BOMPENSIERO traveled to San Diego in BOMPENSIERO's car and stayed at BOMPENSIERO's residence, 1830 Reed Avenue, until early 6/20/66, when they left San Diego at 7:06 AM.

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PCT [] advised on 6/17/66 that she [] FRANK BOMPENSIERO at 1830 Reed Avenue. [] told her that LEO MOCERI was back in the area visiting with FRANK BOMPENSIERO, and the two were together in El Centro, California. [] stated that MOCERI wanted to settle down again in San Diego and was looking for a business to invest in. [] stated that FRANK BOMPENSIERO was still operating the trucking company in El Centro, but that he is not making any money and is getting disgusted with the job. [] reported that on the afternoon of 6/17/66, MOCERI and BOMPENSIERO arrived from El Centro in BOMPENSIERO's car. She overheard BOMPENSIERO giving [] a code and telling her that if they were gone and any calls were received for him, she was to refer to BOMPENSIERO as EISENHOWER, and MOCERI as MC ARTHUR in answering such inquiries. [] reported that at 6:30 PM on 6/17/66 FRANK LA PORTE called from Chicago, and [] took the call, since BOMPENSIERO was not in the apartment. Later, [] heard BOMPENSIERO call LA PORTE and told him that he and MOCERI were going to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico on 6/18/66 and would contact somebody soon. She also heard the name [] (LNU) mentioned, and BOMPENSIERO told LA PORTE that he would call him again on 6/18/66.

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[] reported that [] BOMPENSIERO and LEO MOCERI in BOMPENSIERO's apartment on the night of 6/17/66. During the dinner, BOMPENSIERO indicated he was disgusted with his trucking job in El Centro and would be pulling out of it soon.

On 6/20/66, KINCHELLA reported that she saw FRANK BOMPENSIERO and MOCERI packing suitcases into BOMPENSIERO's car, and from remarks she overheard, it was apparent that LEO was leaving for his home in Ohio, but expected to return to San Diego in the near future.

Subsequent investigation has determined that MOCERI left El Centro by air on approximately 6/21/66 and returned to Akron, Ohio.

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FRATIANNO, [] and BOMPENSIERO were again residing in the apartment.

At 10:20 PM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call to some unknown female and stated that that the temperature was 120 degrees. FRATIANNO claimed he was in Los Angeles that day and spoke to a friend who was thinking of going to Manila. He claimed that two trucks were coming in from Los Angeles and four more from Sacramento, and that he was going to have to spend considerable time in El Centro. He ended the conversation by saying, "Say hello to []"

In a subsequent conversation with [] (LNU), FRATIANNO stated that he had to meet his ex-wife in Los Angeles on Friday and would then go to Las Vegas, and then on Tuesday would leave Las Vegas, returning to El Centro via Los Angeles.

At 11:07 PM, [] and FRATIANNO were discussing BOMPENSIERO, and [] was complaining that BOMPENSIERO does not know what he is doing. FRATIANNO told [] to be patient, that BOMPENSIERO was learning. FRATIANNO complained to [] that he was not making any money. He claimed he would help anyone who needed help and stated, "We made \$119,000 last year and made payments of \$120,000. We lost \$1,000. You figure it out."

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At 11:20 PM, BOMPENSIERO had a telephone call from [] in which he stated, "He cannot do it. Tell him to take it easy. Tell him to tie it on. What does he owe us? How much? Did he pay?.....No, we're not hiring him." He then told [] that [] said not to send him any more paper work, as it took him five days the last time. There was some discussion of payment of bills, then the conversation was terminated.

After the telephone call, FRATIANNO asked [] for \$5, and [] told him he did not have it. FRATIANNO then told [] that he was going to talk to the judge himself about [] problems with the courts and trial which was coming up on 6/29/66 for assault and battery. FRATIANNO told [] that he

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did not need an attorney for his jury trial. [] stated that in the daytime when the "cops" are out, he does not budge.

(It should be noted that on 6/6/66 [] had an altercation with one of FRATIANNO's truck drivers named [] went to the office of the District Attorney to lodge a complaint against [] charging assault and battery. [] was arrested and was held for jury trial on 6/29/66 on these charges on his plea of not guilty.)

At 11:36 PM, FRANK BOMPENSIERO returned to the apartment, and FRATIANNO told him that his wife [] had gotten a statement showing that from May, 1965, to May, 1966, they had netted \$119,000. However, he claimed they were going in the hole, and BOMPENSIERO talked to him about means of cutting their overhead. FRATIANNO stated, "When a truck is down it cost me fourteen bucks an hour. I don't like it." He complained about the trucks breaking down as quickly as they came out of the shop. [] then told him about a driver who had run into the back of a private car, and BOMPENSIERO advised that some of the drivers were "tailgating." The driver involved submitted an accident form, but they were afraid of a lawsuit concerning the accident. FRATIANNO then said to [] "No one person can carry a heavy load all day. President JOHNSON---you know how many advisors he has? We got to get an organized system."

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At 11:57 AM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call to [] (phonetic), wishing her a happy birthday. He then asked for his wife, but spoke to [] (phonetic).

At 1:17 PM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call to [] (phonetic), telephone number 916 401-0169, in Sacramento. FRATIANNO then called the office and his house, asking the person called if the trailers would be ready. In the conversation, he said, "Did you get any bids on the semis? How do you like Nevada?I'm staying here all weekend and will see you in Las Vegas next Saturday."

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At 3:20 PM, FRATIANNO called [] in Los Angeles, telephone number PR 5-1537, and discussed new and rebuilt equipment. He told [] he would be in Los Angeles Thursday night and would be in the market for a couple of cement mixers. He said he would pick up his suits and was then going to Las Vegas for the weekend.

At 4:14 PM, FRATIANNO answered the telephone and stated, "Yea. Is it paid? I'd rather take the cash. No checks. Well, tell 'em to make it out to cash.....then make it out to you personal....."

At 6:30 PM, FRATIANNO made a collect call to Los Angeles, 662-745? and left word that [] had called, when he was unable to reach the party he wanted to talk to. He informed the person answering the call that he was in El Centro.

At 6:36 PM, FRATIANNO received a telephone call from [] in which he told her not to pay any more bills. He stated, "I'll tell you what's coming----we're going to go busted. I just make calls I have to make and that's it. Miles paid us already? What will we do for payroll? You'd better borrow ten thousand. Go to the bank or something. [] this has been a losing proposition for three months. We're just starting.....ruined about twenty tires up there.cost us about \$10,000. Let's figure it out. I'll get the money. We won't be able to make the payroll. You know how much the payroll is, don't you?....."

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At 9:36 AM, FRATIANNO was in telephone conversation with []. He told her to have their attorney send [] a letter, and if they did not pay in a week, they should sue them. [] seemed upset about financial problems, and there was discussion about bills for truck repair, with FRATIANNO telling her to set the bills aside, since some of the trucks were on warranty. They discussed the problem of raising the money for the payroll, and he told her that it might be necessary to go to the Bank of America for money. He told her that he had talked to [] (phonetic), and that there was a lot of work at El Centro, and he wanted to bring some of the "big stuff" down here. He told her that he

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wanted to buy the grader and the bulldozer "here."

After the call, FRATIANNO told [redacted] that nothing was to go into another shop, and he told [redacted] to be sure that there was a truck number on "all the stuff." He told [redacted] to change the trailers around....."My wife's trailers got to keep working. She is 5,000 in the red. [redacted] is going to bring some drivers down. There's a lot of work, but you got to work for someone who will pay. How you going to get your money?"

At 11:36 AM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call and asked for [redacted] but got [redacted] instead. FRATIANNO said he would be in Las Vegas over the Fourth, arriving Saturday morning around twelve o'clock. He made an appointment to meet [redacted] at three o'clock on Saturday. FRATIANNO then talked to [redacted] and asked [redacted] "Did you get the OK downtown? Who's holding it up? [redacted] Where's [redacted] Did he get straightened out? Why don't [redacted] talk to him? [redacted] you know these four people that are coming down. I want reservations for them.. Stardust dinner show...Desert Inn dinner show...dinner and midnight shows Saturday and Sunday. They are coming Friday about midnight....Flamingo."

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At 11:54 AM, FRATIANNO on the telephone stated, "Yes, if he has 40, I'll take 20. Listen, [redacted] I'll be down there Thursday. [redacted] is in town. You know [redacted] [redacted] We'll have dinner up there at the house about 7:30 PM. You can go home early." They then talked about trucks and parts, and FRATIANNO instructed the person he was calling to call station-to-station and concluded by saying, "OK, [redacted] I'll be there. Good-bye."

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At 7:43 AM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call to [redacted] complaining that he could not locate some individual he was calling. He then spoke to [redacted] and told him to call [redacted] of Miles & Son in El Centro if he had a loader. He stated that when the belts break down, they use loaders, and that they would pay even if the loaders were not in actual use.

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He again complained that he could not locate some person, and stated that this individual was in the Cimerron Room (phonetic) and owned a piece of it.

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At 6:27 PM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call to Los Angeles, number 663-2745, and talked to a girl friend. He asked her to drive down to El Centro and stated, "What happened, honey. You can't say you wasn't drunk, because you took the test."

6/28/66

At 11:41 AM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call and stated, "I want to talk to [redacted] (phonetic), but I'll settle for whoever's in charge."

Shortly after the telephone call, [redacted] entered the apartment and discussed with FRATIANNO the possibilities of installing radios in all their trucks.

At 1:00 PM, FRATIANNO was in telephonic conversation with [redacted] (LNU), but the conversation was inaudible.

At 1:11 PM, FRATIANNO talked to [redacted] and complained that the "guys only work for five or six hours a day and get paid for eight. Have you got the total amount of the payroll. How much did we net on this job?....."

At 1:18 PM, FRATIANNO made an outgoing telephone call to Fort Bragg, California, Area Code 707, 964-4566, and asked for [redacted] (LNU), but was unable to reach him.

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At 5:21 PM, FRATIANNO was in telephonic conversation with [redacted]. He stated that he would meet an unidentified individual the next day by appointment. He asked if

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[] had sent another \$100 and stated that the guy who is supposed to have the check was in El Centro. He told [] that she would have to go to the bank to get money to make the payroll. He then informed [] that the court had found [] guilty of assault and battery, but they were going to sentence him later. He complained that they might as well have saved \$250 attorney fees and had [] plead guilty to the charges. After he hung up, he and FRANK BOMPENSIERO discussed the trial of [] and BOMPENSIERO remarked that he had broken the law since he was fourteen years old and could not remember everything.

At 5:41 PM, FRATIANNO made a telephone call to Area Code 707, 964-????, and stated, [] what the hell you doing to me? When are the trucks going to be back? F-1 towed into Ft. Bragg someplace. My brother brought his truck home to work on it. They were putting 20 tons on that truck. When they first started they were using a heavy loader. I would appreciate you using all three of my trucks. I'm trying to keep even." He told [] that he had 25 rigs in El Centro but would call his office and tell them to "be there next Tuesday."

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At 5:45 PM, FRATIANNO called [] and told her that he had to have another good driver, as MC GUIRE was going down there Tuesday.

After this call, FRATIANNO made a complaint that he had to have money in the bank to meet the payroll next week.

At 7:32 PM there was an incoming call answered by BOMPENSIERO. Apparently there was some discussion about [] conviction on assault and battery charges in local court, and BOMPENSIERO stated, "The whole thing is in the papers. The whole thing was set up. You know what I mean."

It should be noted that FRANK BOMPENSIERO returned to San Diego on the afternoon of 6/24/66, and on 6/27/66 while under FISUR, BOMPENSIERO was observed to go to the airport at San Diego, where he picked up FRANK LA PORTE, Chicago LCN member. Immediately thereafter, the two proceeded in BOMPENSIERO's automobile to Palomar Inn located just off Highway 101 at

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Chula Vista, California, where the two had dinner with FRANCESCO BALISTRIERI, aka. Frank Balistrieri, who has been identified as a former member of the LCN from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Subsequently, BALISTRIERI was interviewed by SA's [redacted] and stated that he had met FRANK BOMPENSIERO and FRANK LA PORTE when BALISTRIERI was residing in Milwaukee, and that they had visited him at the Palomar Inn to renew their acquaintance. He stated that he gave them a typical Italian dinner and discussed old times, but transacted no business with them.

On 6/28/66, while under FISUR, FRANK BOMPENSIERO and LA PORTE visited [redacted] at his barber shop in La Jolla, California, and on the evening of 6/28/66, BIANCONI, BOMPENSIERO and LA PORTE were together in Room 203 at the Mission Valley Inn, which room was occupied by LA PORTE during his stay in San Diego.

On the morning of 6/29/66, [redacted] BOMPENSIERO and LA PORTE had breakfast together at King's Inn in the Mission Valley area of San Diego, and at 1:00 PM, FRANK LA PORTE left San Diego via American Airlines flight 268, which arrives in Chicago at 6:28 PM the same date.

That same date, FRANK BOMPENSIERO returned to El Centro, California, arriving at about 3:00 PM.

It should be noted that on 6/29/66, [redacted] was tried before Judge HUGH KEATING in local court at El Centro, California on charges of assault and battery. [redacted] testified in his own behalf and on the stand admitted five felony convictions and other criminal activities. FRATIENNO testified for [redacted] and admitted his criminal background and associations. Sentencing on this charge was set over to 7/5/66. FRANK BOMPENSIERO was present during the altercation between [redacted] but refused to testify in [redacted] defense for fear of personal embarrassment because of his criminal background.

On 7/5/66, [redacted] was sentenced by Judge HUGH KEATING to pay an \$1,100 fine, was given six months jail sentence,

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with three months suspended, and was placed on three months probation. [redacted] was immediately remanded to custody in the County Jail.

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BOMPENSIERO was in the apartment with Bailbondsman [redacted] of El Centro, getting all details and information to arrange bail for [redacted] pending his appeal from the above sentence. BOMPENSIERO was complaining about the judge having thrown the book at [redacted] and stated that he would not sign bond for him because he did not have a chance to beat the case on appeal and it would not hurt him to lay out the three months in jail.

At 10:36 PM, somebody named [redacted] (phonetic) called for [redacted] and BOMPENSIERO told the caller that FRATIANNO would not be there until 1:00 PM on 7/6/66. During the conversation, BOMPENSIERO repeated a number, possibly 924-408?, and mentioned the name VINCE.

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At 11:20 AM, a telephone call was received by BOMPENSIERO, who talked in very guarded terms. He told the caller that FRATIANNO was expected in El Centro momentarily. He said that FRATIANNO was still interested in the gravel pit. The caller agreed to call back later.

(It is possible this caller may have been [redacted] Nevada house of prostitution proprietor who has been trying to sell a gravel pit to FRATIANNO at a location near Reno, Nevada.)

At 12:30 PM, BOMPENSIERO received a call apparently from [redacted] from the County Jail. BOMPENSIERO appeared to be very upset and told [redacted] that FRATIANNO would arrive in El Centro that same day. When BOMPENSIERO hung up, he swore to himself for a long time.

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At 2:50 PM, BOMPENSIERO received a call from [redacted]. He told her all about [redacted] sentence. BOMPENSIERO stated that [redacted] was a fool, and they would only be throwing away money if they put up bond to get him out. He told her that FRATIANNO left Los Angeles that same morning and should arrive in El Centro very shortly.

At 3:45 PM, FRATIANNO arrived at the apartment driving his leased, green Pontiac station wagon, California license SCC 587. BOMPENSIERO was very upset over FRATIANNO's late arrival, and FRATIANNO told him that he had stopped for three hours in Cabazon, California to see [redacted]. BOMPENSIERO then wanted to know where "the gun was." BOMPENSIERO told FRATIANNO he had heard that NICK DIACOGIANIS had a gun. FRATIANNO admitted he knew NICK had a gun, but told BOMPENSIERO that he had "taken care of it."

BOMPENSIERO was very upset with FRATIANNO and wanted FRATIANNO to let [redacted] stay in jail and not pay his fine or bail him out. BOMPENSIERO told FRATIANNO that NICK was no good and would only cause him trouble.

FRATIANNO indicated that he was going to have to have his bailbondsman, [redacted] in Los Angeles, "arrange to bail [redacted] out that same night. He said he had already made arrangements with [redacted]. BOMPENSIERO disapproved and was very upset about it all.

FRATIANNO then tried to make a call to one [redacted] of San Clemente, California, telephone number 278-7854, and when he could not get him at this number, he called RA 1-4065(?), but the call was not completed.

FRATIANNO told BOMPENSIERO he recently spent an evening with [redacted] (probably [redacted]), and that [redacted] has moved "right into the house" and is living there. There was some low conversation in which FRATIANNO stated, "The guy is worth a half a million."

At 4:48 PM, FRATIANNO called his wife [redacted] in Sacramento and there was a big argument about trucking business problems. He was going to have [redacted] in Los Angeles

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bail [] out of the El Centro County Jail. There were more arguments concerning the trucking business to the effect that the drivers were submitting daily reports showing more hours worked than they actually put in. There was some mention made by FRATIANNO of [] (possibly []) making some payments on the rental of some car.

At 5:14 PM, BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO left in BOMPENSIERO's car to talk to [] attorney, and a local bailbondsman. FRATIANNO was going to talk to some truck drivers and somebody else who is probably with Miles & Son, who he feels is cheating him.

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At 8:10 AM, FRATIANNO made a call to Walt and Bazel in Sacramento concerning truck repairs, and told [] that Co-op needs four more trucks, as Co-op has four trailers they are not using.

At 8:20 AM, [] called and accused FRATIANNO of making calls to [] (LNU) in Reno. FRATIANNO got angry and hung up on her and then turned to BOMPENSIERO and stated, [] is going nuts."

It should be noted that on 7/7/66, under a banner headline, "MAFIA PRESENT IN VALLEY," the Imperial Valley Press at El Centro, California printed a first-page article showing photographs of JAMES FRATIANNO, "The Weasel"; FRANK BOMPENSIERO, "The Bump," and LEO MOCERI, "Lips." The article detailed the background and criminal associations of the above three and tied them in with the assault on truck driver JAMES GARRETT by NICK DIACOGIANIS. The article set forth the association of the above with FRANK LA PORTE in their trucking operations, and insinuated that the group was involved in other criminal activities which were being investigated by local and federal authorities.

Neither BOMPENSIERO nor FRATIANNO were aware of this article until after 8:30 PM on 7/7/66. After they obtained a copy of the newspaper containing the article, BOMPENSIERO

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burst into laughter and told FRATIANNO, "After you spend all that money getting your nose fixed, they used an old picture."

FRATIANNO and BOMPENSIERO were very much upset by the article and threatened to sue the editor of the local paper.

At 9:16 PM, FRATIANNO was in telephone conversation with someone he referred to as [REDACTED]. He complained that in connection with the article, his telephone at the motel had been listed in the newspaper, and that "I got today 175 calls." He told [REDACTED] that their pictures were all over the papers, and he wanted to know if [REDACTED] thought he could sue "them" for putting the telephone number in the paper. He complained that all his drivers wanted to quit, and that one of the guys who works for him is in jail. He said the whole town was in an uproar, and complained that they had no right to put his telephone number in the newspapers. He said he was going to sue them for five million dollars for invasion of privacy.

At 10:46 PM, a telephone call came into the apartment for FRATIANNO, apparently from [REDACTED] (LNU) (phonetic) from Los Angeles. He asked if she had found his glasses, told her that he loved her, and wanted to know if she was coming down to El Centro the following weekend. He then accused her of being drunk and carried on a personal conversation with her.

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BOMPENSIERO and FRATIANNO were together in the apartment and left early to be on the job.

At 11:05 AM they returned to the apartment and talked about getting [REDACTED] out of jail. They also talked again about suing the local newspaper concerning the article which had appeared about them.

At 1:07 PM, BOMPENSIERO left to return to San Diego in his Pontiac automobile.

At 2:30 PM the FISH was discontinued.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 3/24/66, at Chicago.

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Two copies of a Letterhead Memorandum setting forth the characterization of informants.

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Leads to other field divisions will be set forth under separate communication.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to investigate LA PORTE's activities and hoodlum contacts in the Chicago area.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Diego, and San Francisco, in view of their current interest, and subject's numerous travels to their respective divisions.

Previous investigation which was conducted and reported to the Bureau by the above offices concerning LA PORTE's association and his activity with JAMES ~~FRATIANO~~, FRANK BOMPENSIERO, [REDACTED] and other west coast hoodlums, is not being restated in this report in the interest of brevity.

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It is noted that the investigative period of this report is extensive. It was maintained in a current status through Bureau teletypes and interoffice communications.

Information regarding telephone calls from the telephone numbers reported, was furnished by Mrs. ELAINE BELL, Security Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
CG T-1 [REDACTED]	5/18/66	SA [REDACTED]
CG T-2 [REDACTED]	7/6/66	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-3 [REDACTED]	6/20/66	SA [REDACTED]
CG T-4 PCI [REDACTED]	6/14/66	SA [REDACTED]

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
CG T-5 PCI [REDACTED]	4/21/66	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-6 [REDACTED]	6/27/66	SA [REDACTED]
CG T-7 [REDACTED] Internal Revenue Service	4/19/66	SA THOMAS W. PARRISH
CG T-8 [REDACTED]	3/9/66	SA [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA THOMAS W. PARRISH

Office: Chicago

Date: 7-18-66

Field Office File #: 92-920

Bureau File #: 92-5793

Title: FRANK LA PORTE

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to maintain a residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. He spends a considerable amount of time on the West Coast visiting his sister and maintaining his business interests in that area. Informants report that he is losing control of organized crime in Southern Suburban Cook County and has sold one of his vending companies to Chicago hoodlum CHUCK ENGLISH. Informant advised that subject's income has been cut.

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DETAILS:

Residence

Chief of Police CLIFFORD PAULING, Flossmoor, Illinois Police Department, advised on July 11, 1966, that the subject continues to maintain a residence at 1730 Cambridge Road, Flossmoor, Illinois. The officers of his command continue to make frequent spot checks of the subject's residence and his relatives who live beside him in the area. PAULING stated that occasionally, LA PORTE's 1966 Buick Electra can be observed in the driveway of his brother-in-law TED BARTUSIEWICZ, who resides immediately to the subject's north. Chief PAULING stated he has observed Mrs. LA PORTE in the yard on occasions, and she appears to be aging very rapidly. He advised that a review of the license numbers which are taken from the various driveways, appear to be mostly those of relatives or repairmen. He stated that MARTIN PULCINI, a brother-in-law of LA PORTE who lives immediately to the east of the subject, has stated to officers that he is well aware of the fact that their houses are being closely watched by local and state cars, and as a result feel that their neighborhood is the best protected of any in the area. PAULING also indicated that any important meetings that the family have are held at places other than the residence of any of the members of the LA PORTE family.

Lieutenant [redacted] Flossmoor Police Department, advised on June 27, 1966, that the general rumor from the neighborhood which indicated that LA PORTE is spending less and less time at his home on Cambridge Road, and that he only stops at his brother-in-law's occasionally to issue instructions or conduct other unknown business activities. Lieutenant [redacted] further advised that he was surprised, on one occasion, to observe a Cadillac belonging to JOE GUZZINO in the driveway of the LA PORTE residence. He advised that GUZZINO is a well known lieutenant for LA PORTE, who was recently arrested in a gambling raid in Chicago Heights.

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Lieutenant [redacted] further advised that he has heard from an unnamed source that LA PORTE is building a new home in Linden, California, for his brother-in-law. He is alleged to be making it large enough so that he, LA PORTE, will have plenty of room to stay when he is in the area. BARTON added that his source told him that LA PORTE is drinking considerably heavier than he ever had in the past, and as a result he is losing interest in all his business activities in the Chicago area. In addition, he has complained of the weather and indicated that he considers California climate beneficial to his health.

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On June 29, 1966, LA PORTE was observed checking into Room 203, Mission Valley Inn, San Diego, California.

Health

CG T-1 advised on May 18, 1966, that FRANK LA PORTE has become an alcoholic and as a result his health is failing. Informant stated that he is of disfavor with JAMES "THE BOMBER" CATUARA. As a result CATUARA, ALBERT PILATTO, LA PORTE, and all of the other partners in Wilco, a vending machine business in Joliet, have sold to Chicago hoodlum CHUCKIE ENGLISH. As soon as ENGLISH took command of the company, he immediately fired all of LA PORTE's relatives that had been working for Wilco. One of them, [REDACTED] is extremely unhappy about his dismissal.

Detective [REDACTED] Chicago Heights, Illinois Police Department, advised that he observed LA PORTE entering the Cooperative Music Company around the middle of June. He stated he had heard that LA PORTE was drinking considerably, but that when he saw him he looked like he was in extremely good health and had his weight under control.

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Relatives

[REDACTED] was contacted at the insurance office of [REDACTED]. He advised that his current employment is with the Hairdressers Union of Indianapolis, Indiana. He stated he and his cousin, FRANK LUZI, are attempting to organize the various shop owners in Southern Cook County, into this CIO - AFL organization. He advised that he is no longer associated with the Wilco Vending Machine Company in Joliet, Illinois. He stated that this business had been sold, but that he does not know the name of the purchaser inasmuch as this type of information is handled by his accountant whose name he could not recall. When questioned regarding CHUCK ENGLISH, he advised that he wished to cooperate 100% with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), however, he did not care to discuss any of his friends or associates for fear that any statement he made might be either misquoted or misinterpreted. He refused to affirm or deny that he was acquainted with ENGLISH or any other Chicago hoodlum other than the former partners of record in the Wilco Company. He denied any illegal activity and stated that to the best of his knowledge, neither FRANK LA PORTE nor any of his relatives had ever engaged in any type of criminal activity.

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On June 21, 1966, the San Francisco Office advised that TONY FRANZE and his wife planned to reside in the Guadagnola residence on Duncan Road, Linden, California, for approximately two months.

CG T-2 advised that TONY FRANZE was moving to California, but maintaining an apartment at 484 West 16th Street, Apartment 1A, Chicago Heights, Illinois. Informant advised that he had previously heard that FRANZE was residing at 18006 Ridgewood Avenue, Lansing, Illinois. Informant stated that FRANZE, as far as he has been able to discover, has completely retired from operating any gambling games for LA PORTE, because of his conviction in local court. FRANZE has repeatedly stated to fellow criminals that if he is convicted of one other violation, he will have to go to jail and that he has no intention of allowing this to happen this late in life.

Associates

GEORGE TUFFANELLI
Bell Avenue
Blue Island, Illinois

CG T-1 advised on May 18, 1966, that FRANK LA PORTE, together with "BABE" TUFFANELLI, have acquired a large shopping center in Las Vegas, Nevada. They are constructing a nine hole golf course and a "Stop n Sock" golf range on approximately 20 acres of land in the Las Vegas area.

Informant stated that TUFFANELLI's main lieutenant is [redacted] who operates from Gary, Indiana.

The Indianapolis Office advised that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Gary, with his wife [redacted] is the President of Turkey Creek Country Club. He is also President of IIO Investment Corporation which is purchasing the club for approximately \$300,025.00. The club is being purchased from [redacted] and approximately \$50,000 deposit was made toward the purchase.

CG T-3 advised on June 20, 1966, that there is considerable outside money assisting [redacted] in the purchase of this club, and that the money is reportedly coming from [redacted] who resides in Blue Island, Illinois, and is reported to be a garbage collector.

Previous investigation by the Chicago Division disclosed that [] owns a large parcel of land at 123rd and Kedzie Avenue. The FBI obtained a local warrant which was executed by the Cook County State's Attorney's Police. 55 slot machines were confiscated, but no arrests were made and [] denied any knowledge of the machines. [] and his son operate Mulder Disposal Service, and among the customers is the new Chicago Federal Building. This firm has a contract for disposing of all garbage and refuse from this 27 story Chicago building. Allegations in the past described [] as a close associate of FRANK LA PORTE and "BABE", and closely associated with Illinois political figures. Investigation failed to positively verify any organized criminal activity other than the possession of slot machines.

Sergeant [] Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised that he was continuing to investigate the gangland type slaying of CLARENCE FORREST. He advised that in view of the allegations and information that LA PORTE and TUFFANELLI might have been involved in the killing, he contacted sources to determine TUFFANELLI's location, and stated that he desired to interview him.

On March 21, 1966, TUFFANELLI appeared at his lawyer's office, 1 North LaSalle Street, Chicago. He was accompanied by his daughter, [] who was an employee of the Eagles A-Go-Go Club where the victim of the murder had worked as a bouncer. HARMON stated he questioned TUFFANELLI regarding the ownership of the club. TUFFANELLI denied any connection with the operation, and claimed he did not know that LA PORTE's sister was the owner of record of the building. TUFFANELLI admitted that he is the owner of considerable property in Calumet Park, Illinois, and is well known in the area. He claimed that his daughter obtained employment at the club without his permission, and that he was embarrassed about the situation. She claimed she was having trouble with her husband and has since divorced him. TUFFANELLI admitted that on February 26, the night of the murder, he was at Norbill's Tavern and Restaurant at about 8:00 PM, and had talked to a Chicago man whom he described as a garbage collector. He refused to name the man. He left the premises and returned to the restaurant-tavern at approximately midnight, as he had placed a call to a business associate in Las Vegas, Nevada, and had expected to get a return call. TUFFANELLI admitted that he had talked with a Blue Island policeman named [] and that an individual named GI-GI LOUIS PRATICO, close associate of LA PORTE, who told him that the Eagles A-Go-Go Club had been closed. TUFFANELLI furnished no additional information, according to Sergeant []

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[redacted] advised that she began working at the Eagles A-Go-Go on November 5, 1965, after obtaining the cloak room concession. She admitted that GI-GI had driven her home on the night of the murder, but claimed to know nothing regarding the circumstances. At present, she is living with her mother and father at the family home in Blue Island. Sergeant [redacted] advised that he had also interview Sergeant [redacted] but obtained no information of value regarding the murder of FORREST.

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Sergeant [redacted] advised that he is convinced that the murder was caused because of a hoodlum disagreement over the club. He advised that it is his personal opinion that FORREST was working for the Turk Torello group and was spying on LA PORTE's group at the club. He feels that the actual murder was committed by [redacted] on instructions from LA PORTE or one of his associates. Sergeant [redacted] advised that it is highly doubtful if he will be able to verify any of this information, as all the girls, customers, and other employees are afraid to furnish any information. He further advised that the investigation is hampered by the fact that the St. Johns, Indiana Police destroyed most of the evidence at the time the body was discovered. He stated that this destruction was caused by ignorance. He pointed out that when the body was discovered in the trunk of the automobile bearing two .38 caliber cartridge holes, the town marshal called the State Police and indicated he had a "suicide."

FRANK LUZI
Chicago Heights, Illinois

The "Chicago Tribune," a daily newspaper, on March 12, 1966, contained an article dealing with the gangland type murder of CLARENCE FORREST. The article read in part as follows:

"Sheriff's Police questioned Calumet Park Police Chief ALBERT LALE regarding the murder, after it was determined that he was in a restaurant with GEORGE TUFFANELLI, Syndicate Chiefton in Calumet Park and Blue Island. Police learned that LALE is a cousin of FRANK LUZI, former bail bondsman, convicted of trying to bribe a local judge. LUZI is a nephew of FRANK LA PORTE, South Suburban Criminal Boss."

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The "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper, on April 3, 1966, contained an article which reads in part as follows:

"Henchman of crime syndicate mobsters emerged Saturday in new roles - Impesarios of teenage dances." The dances were staged for the high school set at the Catholic War Veterans Hall in Chicago Heights. Raids were sponsored by JOE MONTELLO, a former bail bondsman who is related by marriage to FRANK LA PORTE. His associate is FRANK LUZI.

Chief MARK ORLICK, Chicago Heights, Illinois, advised on April 7, 1966, that as a result of newspaper notoreity, the Mayor had refused to issue a license for LUZI. Chief ORLICK stated he called in [redacted] who had first advised him that LUZI, [redacted] and [redacted] were sponsoring the dances. ORLICK advised that as a result of the denial, [redacted] is suing the city in local court to force them to issue a license.

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On April 23, 1966, the "Chicago Sun-Times" contained an article which reads in part as follows:

"A local judge refused to lift the band imposed by the City of Chicago Heights, on teenage dances staged by a former bail bondsman."

FRANK LUZI was contacted in his automobile in Chicago Heights, Illinois, and advised that he was the nephew of FRANK LA PORTE. He stated "I can pick my friends, but I can't pick my relatives." He denied any illegal activity, denied having any information regarding the activities of his uncle, advised that he had been "framed" on a local bribery charge, claimed he was being denied his civil rights in not being allowed to conduct legitimate businesses because of his Italian heritage, and the fact that he was related to LA PORTE, who to his knowledge, has never committed an illegal act. LUZI appeared friendly, but furnished no information of value regarding organized criminal activity in the Chicago area.

CG T-4 advised on June 14, 1966, that in a recent conversation with FRANK LUZI, LUZI indicated that the theft of his 1964 Buick had been a fraudulent act. Source stated that at the time he recalled that LUZI was behind in his car payments, was having trouble with his wife, and was desperate for money.

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Source stated that [] is LUZI's brother-in-law, and that JOE's son, [] is the manager of the Model Finance Company in Harvey, Illinois. Source indicated that LUZI is currently attempting to organize hairdressers in South Suburban Cook County, after he and [] have been unsuccessful in obtaining licenses to operate teenage a-go-go dances in Calumet Park and Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On June 2, 1966, the "Chicago Heights Star, a bi-weekly newspaper, contained an article which indicated that MARY MC DONALD, 339 Winnebago, Park Forest, married GERALD LUZI, son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN LUZI, 218 West Normandy Drive, Chicago Heights. The groomsmen were DENNIS DEE, best man, FRANK MEEKINS, ROBERT LOWE, and RICHARD MATALONE.

Previous investigation indicates that JOHN LUZI, 218 West Normandy Drive, Chicago Heights, was formerly employed by FRANK LA PORTE at Cooperative Music, and is the brother of FRANK LUZI. Informants reported that JOHN LUZI became involved with a prostitute and started to leave his wife and family. As a result, he was fired by LA PORTE and told to go back to his family. Since that time he has had no known contact with LA PORTE or his brother, FRANK LUZI. He is reportedly employed by the South Suburban Bus Lines in Harvey, Illinois.

FRANK FRANZE
Cambridge Road
Flossmoor, Illinois

Lieutenant [] Flossmoor, Illinois, advised on June 19, 1966, that FRANK FRANZE is the only brother-in-law of LA PORTE, and that he is still working in a legitimate capacity for the LA PORTE organization. He continues to run the Cooperative Music Company in Chicago Heights. [] stated that all the reports he has obtained indicate that FRANZE is considered an intelligent businessman, and as a result advises LA PORTE on many of his legitimate investments. Lieutenant [] stated that FRANZE seemed concerned about his reputation in the community and appears to make every effort to appear completely legitimate.

JOE GUZZINO
1065 Wentworth Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois

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Chief CASIMIR LINKIEWICZ, Calumet City, Illinois Police Department, advised that he has recently heard that GUZZINO has taken over most of the gambling activity that was formerly controlled by TONY FRANZE for the LA PORTE organization. Investigation in Chicago Heights disclosed that a group of old time Chicago Heights hoodlums were participating in a large scale, high stakes dice and card game in a pool room located at 259 East 22nd Street. The game was reported to be operated by JOE GUZZINO and RALPH EMERY. Information was further developed that participation in this gambling activity was restricted to Italians, all of whom are known to each other. In view of the fact that this gambling activity appeared to be purely local in nature, the information was furnished to Chief ARTHUR BILEK, Cook County Sheriff's Police. 126

On April 25, 1966, Sergeant [redacted] of the Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised that he led a raid on the above gambling operation and arrested approximately twenty individuals, all of whom are charged with gambling; one JOSEPH GUZZINO; [redacted] former employee of Chicago Heights Distributing Company and close associate with LA PORTE in wholesale liquor operations; [redacted] operator of LaCorte Liquors, Chicago Heights, former partner of FRANK LA PORTE and FRANK LUZI in Park Forest Inn Liquors, Calumet City, Illinois; [redacted] alleged former pimp currently owns trucking company in Chicago Heights; [redacted] relative of Chicago Heights Mayor MARINO RICHTON; [redacted] close relative of Chicago Heights, Illinois Attorney [redacted] brother of [redacted] former Secretary of Police and Fire Commission in Chicago Heights, and partner of [redacted] who handles all of FRANK LA PORTE's legal entanglements; and [redacted] relative of official of Local 5, Hod Carriers Union, whose President is AL PILOTTO, alleged number two man for LA PORTE. 126

[redacted] indicated that considerable gambling paraphernalia was confiscated, and that GUZZINO had to be pulled from under a bed in the apartment above the pool room. [redacted] stated that he believes that GUZZINO suffered a light heart attack as a result of this exertion; however, he did not require hospitalization. [redacted] stated that he intends to go for a direct indictment and try GUZZINO and some of the other individuals, under the new Illinois Statute which makes syndicated gambling a felony.

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RALPH EMERY
848 Memorial Drive
Chicago Heights, Illinois

CG T-5 advised on April 21, 1966, that he had recently conversed with RALPH EMERY, who in the past has admitted a close association with LA PORTE, and EMERY told him that his entire business today was comprised of the Regal Vending Company in the Heights. He stated that this is a cigarette vending machine company that handles most of the business in Southern Cook County, Illinois.

Informant subsequently advised that EMERY told him that he just missed being arrested at Joe Rossi's Pool Room, but that he had left the premises just before the Cook County Sheriff's Police raided the place. EMERY stated that shortly before the raid two local hoodlums had attempted to rob a Chicago Heights bank and were caught by the police. When the gambling raid occurred, one of the raiders allegedly stated that the information had been obtained from the FBI. The gamblers felt that the FBI furnished the information to the Sheriff's Police because the "outfit" had allowed the attempt to be made to rob the bank. Most of the gamblers wanted to contact LA PORTE and have him insist that the robbers confess in order to take the "heat" off of gambling.

Mayor MARINO RICHTON suspended the liquor license of the Vagabond Lounge, 94 East 17th Street, for seven days after being opened after hours. This action resulted because of a fight in the bar. The tavern is allegedly owned by [REDACTED] Jr., but is supposedly the secret holding of RALPH EMERY.

JAMES CATUARA
10309 Laramie Avenue
Oak Lawn, Illinois

CG T-6 advised on June 27, 1966, that CATUARA, who was a partner with LA PORTE in money ventures, is building a new house somewhere around 103th and Fairfield in Oak Lawn. He reportedly had sold his old home; however, the deal fell through. Informant indicated that CATUARA is becoming more and more powerful in Southern Cook County because of LA PORTE's frequent visits outside his territory. CATUARA recently told him that he has been

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conversing with Chicago top hoodlum ~~"MILWAUKEE PHIL" ALDERISIO~~ on a regular basis. Informant was unable to obtain any information as to what was discussed between ALDERISIO and CATUARA. 122

CG T-2 advised on July 6, 1966, that CATUARA is becoming more powerful in the rackets of Southern Cook County. His main enforcer is an individual named [redacted] who is supposed to be a "psycho" and a killer. 122

The "Chicago Heights Star", a bi-weekly newspaper, reported on July 1, 1966, the funeral services for NICK NERONI, age 80, a former Chicago Heights resident, were held in San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy. Mr. NERONI was born November 16, 1885 in Italy and lived in Chicago Heights for approximately fifty years. He retired in the early 1950s as business agent for Local Number 5, Hod Carriers Union, and returned to Italy to live. He was also a member for many years of the Hunters Club of Chicago Heights. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. K. QUILLINAM, and Mrs. JEAN SMITH, both Chicago Heights, and Mrs. ANN PIGNOTTO, Upland, California; a son JOE NERONI of Chicago Heights; three sisters and a brother who reside in Italy. b6 b7C

Previous investigation disclosed that [redacted] embezzled close to \$100,000 from the Union and fled to Italy. Later LA PORTE and other leaders in organized realized that [redacted] was the one who build up the Union and probably deserved the money. As a result they have since allowed his son, [redacted] to become an officer in the same Union.

The Chicago Heights Star also reported the death of PHILLIP COSTELLO, age 80, 321 West 15th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He was born August 4, 1885, in Caccamo, Italy, and had been a resident of Chicago Heights for 55 years. He is survived by his wife CONCETTA, three daughters, Mrs. AMERICO PEROZZI, Mrs. LESTER CORDES, and Mrs. JOSEPH SCHREMENTI, all of Chicago Heights; three sons, JOHN C. COSTELLO, Pontiac, Illinois, JOSEPH J. COSTELLO, Wilmington, Illinois, and FRANK COSTELLO of Rockford, Illinois; two sisters, Mrs. JOSEPHINE MACALUSO and Mrs. CECELIA PAIZZO; two brothers, TONY COSTELLO and NICK COSTELLO, both of Chicago Heights.

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Previous investigation disclosed that PHILLIP COSTELLO was an old time Chicago Heights bookmaker who was closely associated with AL CAPONE in the manufacture of raw alcohol during the prohibition years. Since that time he and his associates have owned and operated the Chicago Heights Distributing Company which handled all of the liquor for the various striptease clubs in Calumet City, Illinois. He had been observed talking with FRANK LA PORTE on several occasions.

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISE

The San Francisco Office advised on April 8, 1966, that LA PORTE was expected to arrive at Reno, Nevada, on April 12, 1966, to talk with a [redacted] who reportedly manages some mining property owned by LA PORTE and FRATIENNO at New Montgomery Pass, Pioschi, and Tonopah, Nevada. [redacted] allegedly embezzled \$25,000 from them. [redacted] is alleged to own the Holiday Lodge in Reno, Nevada, and is attempting to interest LA PORTE in this. Investigation disclosed that [redacted] is possibly identical with [redacted]

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CG T-1 advised that LA PORTE and "BABE" TUFFANELLI own a large shopping center in Las Vegas, Nevada. This informant previously reported that LA PORTE and FRANCIS CURRY, Joliet, Illinois, own a "large shopping center" in Joliet, Illinois, as well as a concrete company.

CG T-2 advised that he heard from an unrecalled source that in 1964 Alderman TOM KEANE and his brother were building a large shopping center to be known as the Jeffro Plaza Shopping Center in the First Ward of Chicago. He heard further that LA PORTE had also supplied financial backing for this venture. Informant stated that he had been unable to verify the information but that it did come from what he considered a reliable source whom he declined to name.

CG T-2 advised on July 6, 1966, that he had determined through investigation that the International Road and Construction, Incorporated, Harvey, Illinois, appears to be the pilot corporation to be used by the syndicate to enter the Federal Highway Paving Program. This concerns only asset as an option on a parcel on land to be used for the interchange of a new federal funded highway running southwest from Chicago on the Dan Ryan Expressway to Joliet, Illinois. It is located in the Tinley Park, Illinois area. This corporation is attempting to pledge the option with CIT as collateral for a loan to be used as a down payment to purchase the assets or possibly the capacity stock of Parro Construction Corporation, Urbana, Illinois. DON ROSS, a hoodlum attorney, and others have made contact with Mrs. HELEN PARRO who wanted to sell the business. Parro Construction Corporation is a fine old road contractor which has done considerable work in Illinois and Indiana, and would be a good legitimate purchase for the syndicate if consummated.

Informant stated that [redacted] and [redacted] are individuals coming up fast as syndicate defense attorneys for cases in South Suburban branches of the Cook County Circuit Court. Informant also advised that with the purchase of the construction company, this will place LA PORTE's ready mix plant in Joliet, in a strategic position if they are successful bidders on any of the funds of highway. Informant indicated that LA PORTE appears to feel that there is considerable money in road building, as he has invested heavily in a California road paving company. Informant advised that [redacted] was

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at one time, associated with [redacted] in the bail bond business which was located next door to the Chicago Central Police Station. Informant is of the opinion that all the principles in the bail bond business had great syndicate ties. Informant stated that [redacted] are in the process of attempting to gain control of Scully Walton Ambulance Service, Chicago, Illinois. Their silent partner in the attempted acquisition is JIMMY CATURRI. This appears to be a take over, according to the source, for getting into the "Medicare Gravy Train." [redacted] does a big oxygen therapy business. It would appear, according to the source, that they are also associated with some hoodlums, for money interest, from the Detroit, Michigan area because [redacted] is working with someone in Detroit.

Informant stated that he will attempt to determine more concerning the actual people involved in the above acquisition.

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

CG T-8 advised that he has learned that TURK TORELLO has been muscling into the Chicago Heights area and was attempting to take over some of the spots operated by FRANK LA PORTE and his associates. Informant learned that CLARENCE FORREST, who was found murdered in the trunk of his automobile in Indiana, had been a former employee of FRANK LA PORTE's, but had broken away from him. FORREST was allegedly spying for TURK TORELLO and this fact was learned by the LA PORTE forces and this was the reason for his demise. Source did not have any information as to who actually may have shot and killed FORREST.

CG T-2 advised on May 21, 1966, that he has been in the Gary, Indiana area and learned that the Gary bookies appear to be divided into two factions, one faction is under the jurisdiction of [redacted] whom he believes resides in Gary, Indiana, and has some connection with FRANK LA PORTE. He appears to have jurisdiction in the area south of the Expressway in the Glen Park region. The northern area appears to be under the jurisdiction of one [redacted] who is affiliated with [redacted] of Chicago. Informant was unable to state the tie-in between [redacted] and LA PORTE.

Corporal [redacted] Illinois State Police, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, advised that he developed information in 1964 that one [redacted] a member of FRANK LA PORTE's criminal family, Chicago Heights, Illinois, is buying black powder in fifty-pound cans from a gun shop in Chicago Heights. Corporal [redacted] stated that it is his personal belief that [redacted] is very possibly involved in some of the unsolved bombings that took place in the Chicago area in 1964. Previous investigation developed that a gun, with which Mrs. FRANK LA PORTE attempted suicide in 1961, was registered to [redacted] When interviewed, he denied all knowledge of ownership or any association with LA PORTE.

[redacted] Illinois State Farm Marshal's Office, 160 North La Salle, advised July 11, 1966, that a fire occurred at Johnnie's Prime Rib House, 849 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. The property was owned by [redacted] who was formerly a repairman for FRANK LA PORTE in a Cooperative Music Company.

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The building, which appeared to be a total loss, was insured for \$80,000, plus \$20,000 contents, and \$20,000 used in occupancy. He advised that his investigation disclosed that there was a strong gasoline odor on drapes and other material which remained in the building. He further advised that he had discovered that the gas to the restaurant was turned off behind the meter which in his experience, indicates that it was turned off before the fire in order to avoid an explosion. He stated that in attempting to contact the owner, he had learned that [redacted] is represented by Attorney [redacted] Chicago Heights. [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of the fire and did not wish to be questioned regarding it. [redacted] advised that on the basis of his investigation to date, he has sufficient evidence to issue state subpoena for [redacted] and also he can request that the insurance company involved withhold any payment pending investigation. [redacted] stated that it is his personal opinion that LA PORTE probably put up the money for the restaurant approximately ten months ago and when it was discovered that it would not make money in its present location, he had the restaurant "torched." [redacted] pointed out that he did not have specific evidence to this effect and he was forming his opinion only on the basis of his experience with fires and arsons and investigation over the past years. [redacted] further advised that during his investigation he had quite a lengthy conversation with Fire Chief LIEONNE (phonetic) of Chicago Heights. During the conversation, LIEONNE indicated that [redacted] was "one of the boys" and he did not intend to check too closely for arson as he wanted no trouble. He advised that LIEONNE is approximately 75 years old and is considered completely ineffectual by modern standards of fire fighting. He is alleged to be an associate of LA PORTE's and his main efforts in business of fire fighting consists of driving his city furnished automobile with the siren going full blast at all times. [redacted] stated that numerous residents and neighbors of Chief LIEONNE are constantly registering protests with the city because of the constant noise created by his blaring siren.

San Diego Office advised on June 30, 1966, that LA PORTE contacted FRANK BALISTRIERI, owner of the Palomar Inn. BALISTRIERI is recognized as the present leader of the Milwaukee La Cosa Nostra family.

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Sergeant [REDACTED] Cook County Sheriff's Police, advised that he has heard, from what he considers a reliable source, that LA PORTE's partner JIMMY CATUARA presently has a 1965 yellow convertible Chevrolet that was stolen in Chicago. The fraudulent title has been changed four to five times and would be extremely impossible to correctly prove the car was stolen. His son, [REDACTED] who is employed at the Secretary of State's Office, which titles automobiles in Illinois has a 1964 Chevrolet that is stolen. The above information, according to [REDACTED] came to his informant from [REDACTED] who was recently sentenced to five years imprisonment in Federal Court for violation of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle (ITSMV).

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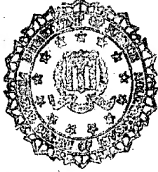
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On January 9, 1966, a 1965 Thunderbird, with Illinois License 593773, was observed parked at the residence of JAMES FRATIANNO, 336 Millard Drive. This car is registered to [redacted] Hillside, Illinois. Investigation discloses that [redacted] formerly of Kansas City and that she is the sister of [redacted] a Kansas City, Missouri top hoodlum figure. On May 3, 1966, VITO LA BELLA, 4203 Appollo Lane, Stone Park, Illinois, advised he previously resided with his wife [redacted] in Hillside, Illinois. He stated he is 53 years of age having been born June 9, 1912, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that during November, 1965, he resided in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he was attempting to obtain a license for a gambling casino and a restaurant. This venture was brought to a halt as a result of an indictment brought against his brother-in-law, [redacted] his wife's brother. He stated that [redacted] was indicted for perjury and this type of situation caused problems with the license authority and he, therefore, discontinued his efforts to promote and organize a gambling casino. He stated that on January 6, 1966, he was in Las Vegas working on the promotion of the Oxford Club, North Las Vegas. He advised that he resided at 2657 Karen Court, Apartment 37. He left Las Vegas on February 9, 1966 in his personally owned automobile, which he described as a 1966 two-door hardtop. He stated that his wife left Las Vegas on February 21, 1966, driving to the home of her girl friend in Paramount, California insasmuch as she had been hospitalized for a heart condition at the Nomalindi Hospital. LA BELLA stated that he is not acquainted with any individual named FRANK LA PORTE or JAMES FRATIANNO or any other Chicago area or Las Vegas area hoodlum.

[redacted] furnished substantially the same information as her husband and refused to furnish the name of the friend she stayed with in Paramount, California. She stated that she had no knowledge of anyone named JAMES FRATIANNO also known as "The Weasel" or anyone by the name of FRANK LA PORTE. She advised that she has sold her Thunderbird automobile while in the West and that since returned to Chicago to live with her husband.



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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

CG T-1 is an individual who has considerable knowledge of criminal activities in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

CG T-2 is an individual who conducts financial investigations in the Chicago area.

CG T-3 is an individual who is familiar with bank institutions in Lake County, Indiana.

CG T-4 is an associate of certain criminals in Chicago Heights.

CG T-5 is a former convict.

CG T-6 is an individual who has considerable knowledge of organized criminal activities in the Chicago area.

CG T-7 is an investigator for another governmental agency who requested his identity be kept confidential.

CG T-8 is an individual who gambles in Southern Cook County.

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